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GOING UP! . . . Seven-year old Joyce Hampton, 1630 West 219th street, waited until late Monday afternoon to try to push this sidewalk back in place after the strip buckled during the 83-degree "heat wave" of this week.

Whew! Monday It Was So Hot The Sidewalks Popped

Here's a clipping about Torrance weather that can be sent to the folks back home. It was so hot in Torrance last Monday the sidewalks buckled! 'Safact the concrete strip in front of Mrs. W. S. Reeves' residence at 1630 West 219th street became so hot under the belting of the sun's rays it popped right out of the ground. Actual temperature at the time was only 83 degrees—officially!

The early summer heat wave, coming on the heels of a week of unprecedented rains, made the dandelions, anise, devil grass and wild oats pop up like weeds. The previous week's drizzles brought .61 inches of rain to nearby fields but did not prevent eight grass fires which started during the city this week. Other temperature recordings for the week, said the Weather Man, were:

| Day | Maximum | Minimum |
|-----|---------|---------|
| 18 | 63 | 53 |
| 19 | 66 | 52 |
| 20 | 68 | 46 |
| 21 | 72 | 48 |
| 22 | 77 | 53 |
| 23 | 83 | 53 |
| 24 | 86 | 57 |

New Ordinances Top List of Council Action

Four new ordinances were passed by the city council Tuesday night which will exercise control of open wells, rats, traffic, and weeds. Among the other business transacted during the evening was the recommendation that J. H. Beasley, Walteria civic leader, be considered for appointment to the recreation commission. The resignation of Tom Babbitt, a member of the civil service commission was accepted. Babbitt was recently appointed a member of the recreation commission.

The appointment of Bud Lee and A. J. Patrosky to the recreation commission was approved by the council. On motion of Councilman Nick Drake the recently enacted ordinance forbidding the sale of fireworks within the city was repealed. A new law will be drafted by City Attorney C. Douglass Smith in consultation with Fire Chief John E. McMaster. A request for city support of the Torrance Area Youth Band, Inc., was referred to the budget committee for consideration. City Manager George Stevens was instructed to start an investigation to determine the number of persons living in trailers without the consent and knowledge of the council.

After backing in and out of legal corners the council voted 3-2 in favor of dropping the minimum building site area required from 6000 to 8000 square feet to conform with the standard of practice in other cities in Los An-

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New Queen To Be Crowned During Junior Woman's Club Fiesta

Though blue skies are predicted Edna Mae Snell, comely Columbia Steel employee, will start reigning tomorrow as the new Queen of Torrance.

The attractive 22-year-old local factory employee will begin her year-long reign tomorrow evening following coronation ceremonies which will climax the Junior Woman's Club sponsored queen contest.

The coronation of the local feminine monarch and the ladies of her court will take place at the Junior Woman's Club Fiesta which will be held from 4 to 11 p.m. Crowning will take place at 9:30 p.m. The seven lovelies



ROYALTY . . . Edna Mae Snell is the new Queen of Torrance.

who vied for the title during the eight week contest will share \$700 worth of prizes to be awarded tomorrow evening. Miss Snell will inherit the crown now held by last year's queen Mary Ellen Crawford. Julia Menni and Jerry Speck placed second and third respectively in the contest.

Edna Mae Snell . . . 72,005
Julia Menni . . . 61,091
Jerry Speck . . . 52,075
Della Cooper . . . 38,531
Pat Clere . . . 24,220
Bunky Quaggin . . . 18,800
Joyce Frazen . . . 11,245

The six-hour Fiesta will include the serving of a Spanish dinner for 75 cents, sweet booths, bingo games, white elephant booths, a country store, pineapple booths, a fish pond, and dart games. Flowers are through the courtesy of Jimmie Yelgma.

Ground Broken For Start of New Seaside School

City Loses Site For Civic Center In Realty Deal

John Q. Citizen—comprising the majority of taxpayers in Torrance, may bear the brunt of a \$25,000 "mistake" it was revealed at the city council meeting Tuesday night.

City Attorney C. Douglass Smith admitted at the meeting that a "mistake" had been made in a real estate deal with Sunhaven Properties, the Torrance School Board and the city. He rightfully claimed exemption for the blame for the deal. The attorney was confined to the hospital at the time the deal was set.

The fast shuffle of the deal between the aforementioned threesome involved trust deeds, mortgages, and easements as cards with the ace in the hole, a two-and-a-half acre site adjacent to the Palos Verdes-Hollywood Parkway, held by Rudolph Mayer, head of Sunhaven Properties and brother of movie magnate, Louis B. Mayer.

Chronologically the deal followed this pattern: Mayer wanted and was granted by the previous city council, a strip of land 105 feet wide along the westerly edge of the Palos Verdes-Hollywood Parkway.

In exchange for this property the Sunhaven Properties agreed to give to the city and school board 15 acres for a police station, fire station, post office and a school.

The school board, not finding a suitable school site within the Sunhaven tract, accepted from the land holders a promise that they (Sunhaven) would purchase for the school board a 10-acre site of the board's choosing.

The council instructed the newly appointed City Administrator George Stevens to select a two-and-one-half acre site and accepted the same by resolution and ordered the deed recorded. No title search was ordered.

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UNADORNED RITES MARK START OF FIRST SCHOOL

Simple ceremonies, a flag salute, a patriotic song, and the turning of a shovelful of sandy loam last Monday afternoon marked the beginning of the construction of the Seaside Elementary School—the first under the new system.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Board of Education, officially launched the Torrance Unified School District building campaign before a gathering of approximately 150 parents, children, and school dignitaries.

First unit of the new plant, permits for which were issued to the H. Heirshberg Construction Company of Los Angeles last week for \$338,215, is expected to be completed by September.

Other developments in the rapidly expanding school system indicate that plans and specifications for a school in the North Torrance area are now with the state division of architecture.

The plant would contain eight classrooms, kindergarten, administrative unit and a multi-purpose room. Also with the state are plans for three new temporary units at the existing Fern Avenue School.

Out for bid is a three-classroom addition at Perry School. Proposals for the job are to be opened by the Board of Education on June 6.

Still in process of acquisition by the board are sites for schools in the Walteria and Hollywood Riviera districts. The Walteria property is now in H. C. M. Ellinwood estate.

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Factory Frolic Dates This Fall Set by Chamber

September 14-18 has been set by the Chamber of Commerce for the staging of the Torrance Factory Frolic celebration this fall.

The event is sponsored by the Chamber and includes a high tent of exhibits, entertainment, and a carnival midway.

\$394,400 Home Tract Started In Pacific Hills

A new \$394,400 project to build 59 homes is under way in Pacific Hills.

Developer K. Sande Senness announced that work has been started on the Pacific Hills tract located east of the intersection of Newton and Madison streets.

First of what is planned to be a large tract, the homes will feature stucco exteriors, painted or papered interior walls and composition roofs. They will be both two and three bedroom residences, priced for medium-income families, Senness stated.

The initial home is expected to be ready for occupancy in about six months.

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CURBSTONE CUTIE . . . Forest Meyers, he's led the drive for the Torrance Area Youth Band Campaign which ends today, nabs a vacant spot on the curb to wait for the start of the city's greatest parade this Saturday.—Herald Photo.

Torrance's Biggest Parade Saturday

The greatest parade in Torrance's history will unwind along the city's streets at 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, May 28.

Only a Hollywood press agent and his barrel of superlatives could do justice in describing the 60 units entered in the

spectacle which will wind up the Torrance Area Youth Band's Instrument and Uniform campaign and which will mark the close of Torrance Festival Days.

Gene Gray, "Silver King of the Cowboys" with his silver outfit valued at \$140,000 will act as Grand Marshal, according to Forrest Meyers, campaign chairman.

Gray will lead off the "Million Dollars in Silver" parade at Torrance boulevard and Madrid avenue. The line of march of the mile long affair will proceed east along Torrance boulevard to Sartori avenue, south on Sartori to Cabrillo avenue, past the reviewing stand at Gramercy and Cabrillo avenues to Five Points; thence north on Cravens avenue past the city hall to the break-up point at Engracia avenue.

Prelude to the parade will be a concert at 10 a.m. by the Torrance Area Youth Band (Intermediate) and another musical offering by the 100-piece band of Our Lady of Talpa Church at 11 p.m.

As a followup to the parade, western entertainment and awarding of trophies and ribbons will be staged in the civic auditorium at 4 p.m. At 8 p.m. the local youth band will present their third Anniversary Concert by the Senior Band, Lucien Callet and J. D. Marsch will be guest conductors. Climax of the fund-raising campaign will be the awarding of the grand prize at 9 p.m. in the civic auditorium.

Following the awarding of prizes a free dance will be held in the auditorium.

Among the other units participating in the parade which is expected to be viewed by more than 25,000 persons will be some of the most famous riding units, bands, and parade personalities in Southern California.

Other famous southland individual riders such as Edward F.

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PUT 'ER THERE . . . Says Seaside School Contractor H. Heirshberg as Dr. Howard A. Wood, President of the Torrance Board of Education turns the first shovelful of loam to mark the beginning of the new school and the start of a series of new construction projects. Others in the photo are: (Left to right) J. Henrich Hull, Philip Daniel, Arthur Mann, Evelyn Carr, Dr. C. C. Carpenter, Mrs. Grace Wright, George Thatcher, Emmett Ingram, and Carl Steele. Girls at right are members of the Girl Scout Troop 1055 and Brownie Troop 1058 which participated in the brief ceremonies.

ON THE INSIDE

A few weeks ago we ran a story on talking birds titled "We Thought We'd Heard Everything"—well not quite. It seems that this week it's a talking dog, no less! See page 10.

It's not a football game, but you still won't be able to tell one majorette or one band from another without the official program, and to give you some idea of the magnitude of the great city-wide parade this Saturday we have done just that—given you the order of events and lineups. See page two.

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