

HOMEOWNERS SEEK CITY'S 'PROTECTION'

Fears that the "health and safety" of their families will be endangered by eroded earth and debris from an adjoining subdivision prompted the filing of a petition with the Torrance City Council late yesterday by Seaside Ranchos property owners.

The city is asked to withhold issuance of further building permits in the new tract to the east, and the petition also protests the type of construction which is under way in the new subdivision. A delegation will support the request at tonight's council meeting.

"The undersigned Seaside Ranchos property owners assert that the floor area, the type of construction and appurtenances in the houses in this adjoining

Members of the Torrance City Council made an inspection of the grading operations and building under way in the Palisades Ballders' subdivision late Monday afternoon, as a result of the petition filed earlier during the day.

tract do not conform to those in either Seaside Ranchos, Hollywood Riviera and other tracts planned for this area," the petition stated.

"Development of this tract has involved extensive excavation, earth-moving and embankment, and while Seaside Ranchos tract was laid out to properly dispose of normal rainfall in Seaside Ranchos area, a hazard of erosion has been created.

"In event of heavy rainfall for a 24-hour period this erosion would not only undermine the foundations of houses in this adjoining tract but would threaten the homes of the petitioners in Seaside Ranchos with inundation of earth, debris and refuse which would endanger the health, safety and property values of those residing here."

We ask that the Torrance City Council immediately stop this new construction and deny further permits until the development conforms with the high standards of homes in Seaside Ranchos and adjacent areas."

The Council is expected to ask City Engineer George Stevens to visit the property before tonight's council meeting, when protestants may have the benefit of legal counsel to press their demand for relief.

223rd Street Bridge Opens Up New Area

Start of actual construction Monday on a \$1,500,000 bridge to carry 223rd street across the Los Angeles river, opens up a new area and definitely assures the importance of this artery in the comprehensive highway traffic plan for Torrance, according to county officials.

Steps now will be taken to improve the bottlenecks in 223rd street easterly of Torrance. It was learned, and to make a connection with Plaza del Amo, according to present plans. For the present it means that Carson street will remain dead-end at the river.

Regional Planning Commission maps show 223rd street as a 100-foot major boulevard between Torrance and the Los Angeles river. The new bridge will connect with Wardlow Road, and an outlet for the Torrance area into the eastern part of the county and into Orange County will thus be provided.

Work was started Monday by the Guy F. Atkinson Company, the successful bidder. The bridge will be more than 1050 feet long and will extend over the Los Angeles Freeway adjacent to the Los Angeles river.

Ready Plans on Crenshaw

Escrow proceedings for acquisition by the city of the 100-foot right-of-way that will remove the jog from Crenshaw boulevard at 190th street are in progress today at the Torrance National Bank.

George Stevens, city engineer, said yesterday that the project was set up for immediate improvement under the city's street program. Plans are being made for grading and surfacing of the roadway to the same standard of the existing pavement to the south of 190th street.



STEADY — Lawrence Vincent Martin follows white center line better walking—

CEMETERY PLAN TO BE APPEALED

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—than when he was behind the wheel of his automobile trying to follow the white center line in 190th street near Western avenue Sunday morning. (Herald Photo).

We're Moving

Next Edition of The Herald to Be Published in New Home

Wednesday this week will be moving day for the Torrance Herald. On that day, business will be suspended over the Thanksgiving holiday and the entire equipment of both office and plant will be moved from the present building at 1336 El Prado to the Herald's modern new home at 1619 Gramercy avenue, just two blocks directly east of the old building.

Beginning Friday morning, Nov. 26, all departments of the newspaper will be in operation at the new building, according to Grover C. Whyte, publisher. Telephone remains the same, Torrance 444.

Formal opening and public open house to which the entire community is invited will be held at the new Herald Building on Saturday, Dec. 4. In the interim between Thanksgiving and Dec. 4, the entire staff will be busy readying the new quarters for the public inspection.

Full details of the open house celebration will be given in a special souvenir "New Building" section to be distributed with the next regular edition on Thursday, Dec. 2.

The Master Printers, commercial printing business owned and operated by Robert L. Levellen and Homer L. Trueblood, also are moving to individual quarters provided for them in the new Herald building. New address of The Master Printers is 1615 Gramercy avenue, telephone Torrance 882.

More Faces

'Herald' Will Greet Public in New Dress

The Torrance Herald will appear in new dress in its next issue on Dec. 2, which will be published in its modern new home at 1619 Gramercy avenue.

Starting with the masthead at the top, the words "Torrance Herald" will appear in 60-point Stylic capital letters five columns wide, a slightly heavier type than now used. This will be the fourth time in The Herald's 25-year history that its masthead has been changed.

This same type style is being used for the gold lettering on the entrance doors to the newspaper's new home. In the new electric sign over the entrance and on its new letterheads.

Other features that reader's will notice in The Herald's new dress will be headline type set in the Bodoni and Futura faces, the latter one of the newer faces. Poster Bodoni, a boldface type, and Bodoni Italic, poster style, will be used in advertising composition.

Futura, in extra bold and in extra condensed, as well as both Roman and Italic styles, in sizes to 72 point, will be available to advertisers in The Herald, beginning with next week's edition. All of these new type faces requiring many fonts, will give The Herald a modern dress and make it easier to read.

Parking Area Ready for Use This Week

Given a coat of decomposed granite and hot oil "dressing" last week, the city's new parking lot at El Prado and Crenshaw will be ready inside of a week, George Stevens, city engineer, said yesterday.

Next step will be to build a buffer or curb line just back of the sidewalk on Crenshaw avenue and another on El Prado to keep cars off the sidewalk.

Between 60 and 80 automobiles can be parked on the lot and it will be marked off to facilitate parking. Stevens said Employees of local stores who must drive their cars to work are to be asked to park in this lot so that Christmas shoppers may get as close as possible to the business district.

Two Named to Health Office Here

Appointments to fill vacancies in the various health districts have been announced this week by Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles county health officer.

Mrs. Eileen P. Pullen, 1619 Thayer avenue, Los Angeles, is assigned to Torrance as a public health nurse, and Mrs. Ellen C. Smith, 911 Sartori avenue, Torrance, is a deputy registrar who will divide her time between Inglewood, Torrance and Compton.

Auto Shears Pole But Man Only Cuts Lip

If 25-year-old Lawrence Vincent Martin had walked home early Sunday morning it may have taken him longer—but it would have been cheaper.

Martin, who lives at 10109 Buford avenue, Lennox, was driving home at 4:10 a.m. Sunday morning on 190th street by following the white line in the center of the highway.

He got a little sleepy, he told Torrance Police officers, and the next he knew he was struck by an oncoming telephone pole just west of Western avenue. The pole rode Martin's car piggyback for 30 feet before the auto came to a stop.

After police officers asked Martin to walk the white line in the center of the street—the same line he had difficulty following while driving—he was booked on a charge of being drunk in an automobile.

Police Sgt. Bill Evans, and Patrolmen Larry Benton and Bob Wright rolled the pole from the top of Martin's car and brought him to the city jail.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE ANNOUNCED

Union Thanksgiving service for the people of Torrance and vicinity has been arranged for 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning, it was announced yesterday by the committee of ministers.

The service will be held at the First Lutheran church, Acacia and Sonoma avenues, and the theme will be "Giving Thanks to God for Everything." The special Thanksgiving sermon will be preached by the Rev. Paul Wenske.

Pastors cooperating are the Rev. R. J. Menmuir of the Christian church; the Rev. H. W. Roloff of the Evangelical United Brethren church and the Rev. C. E. Ruckman of the Methodist church.

"The public is invited to this service to worship and to give thanks to God for His many blessings," the joint announcement stated.

Low-Altitude Pilot Nabbed Haggard and Jones Named

For failing to appear to answer charges of low flying, Wayne Henry Newland, 20-year-old pilot of 22330 South Harvard boulevard, was arrested by Torrance police during the weekend on a warrant from a Los Angeles court.

The youth, who was scheduled to appear Nov. 12 in Los Angeles, was released after posting \$500 bail.

Charles V. Jones and Bob L. Haggard were reelected to the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce as the result of balloting concluded yesterday with the counting of the votes cast late last week. William Zoeller, Bernard Lee and William Meese were the members of the 1948 election committee.

100 Priests Public Bid to Ceremonies of Dedication

More than 300 children from Torrance, Lomita, Welteria and Lawndale, the color guard of the Knights of Columbus, Boy and Girl Scout troops and 100 priests will take part in the solemn dedication and blessing of the new Nativity School and Convent in Torrance next Sunday, Nov. 30, according to Father P. J. McGuinness, the local pastor.

The occasion will be the first official visit of the Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre, of the Los Angeles Diocese, to Torrance. Parish organizations will take part in the ceremony.

The sermon for the occasion will be preached by the Rev. John Sheridan of St. Elizabeth's Church, Pasadena, and the new choir of Nativity School, made up of 62 voices, will make its formal debut on this occasion. The program will be broadcast over Radio KAGH.

Nativity School, at 2371 West Carson street, was completed in July of this year and

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Hey, Kids!!

Dec. 23 Date for Children's Party by Lions

The big annual Lions Children's Party to which every youngster in the Torrance area is invited, will be held Thursday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium.

President W. B. Hickcox of the Lions Club announced that this date had been set for the big party which is staged each year by the Lions and the Fire Department, with police and Moose cooperating, to make sure that every child in Torrance has some measure of Christmas celebration.

Members of the Lionesses are working with Paul Diamond, chairman of the finance committee, in raising funds for the big affair, and any surplus money not needed for the party itself or for needy families reported to the Lions at Christmas time, will be used to com-

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Searchlights, Stars, Set to Open Theater

Now completely remodeled after a six-months' closing, the new Torrance Theater will open this Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, it was announced today by the management.

Searchlights will sweep the sky and Hollywood stars will be on the stage in person as a fitting First Night for Torrance's first deluxe theater, said Howard Lander, manager.

New projection equipment has been installed and new sound of the latest type assures truly fine reproduction, Lander said. Every interior wall in the theater has been changed.

A completely new air conditioning system has been installed to assure even, controlled temperatures in every part of the house, with a complete change of air every two minutes. New-type International Opera chairs have been installed.

Interior of the theater is finished in azure blue and side walls of burgundy, with decorations in Modern Rococo. Old patrons will find it hard to believe it is the same building, the manager said.

A glass-enclosed "crying room" for mothers with small children has been installed so they may see and hear the picture in separately-ventilated rooms. A large section has been added where smoking will be permitted.

The theater is operated by Albert Mellinkoff and Harry Milstein.

CLAIM DAMAGE TO VALUE OF NEARBY LAND

An appeal asking the Torrance City Council to reconsider a zoning variance granted by the Planning Commission to the proposed Pacific Hills Cemetery on the Weston Ranch is being prepared, Howard D. Streight, vice-president of the Palos Verdes Corporation, developers of Rolling Hills, said last night.

Streight said that he is pressing the appeal on behalf of property owners within 300 feet of the proposed 51,000,000 100-acre cemetery. Under his interpretation of the city zoning laws, property owners within 300 feet of the cemetery's boundaries may appeal to the city council, he said.

The Palos Verdes Corporation believes it is in this category. Others within the limit, according to Streight, include David E. Mitchell, Norman Thurman, the Empty Saddle Club, Southwest Portland Cement Company, and North Weston Ranch.

All said they would join the appeal except the North Weston Ranch and the Southwest Portland Cement Company which have not been contacted but which was one of the original protestants, Streight indicated.

Streight objects to the cemetery on the grounds that there is already adequate cemetery space in the area and one on the nearby Weston Ranch would be damaging to property values.

Petitions protesting the zoning variance are already in circulation among Lomita and Torrance residents and will be submitted with the appeal, Streight stated.

The Torrance Planning Commission granted the zoning variance to K. Sande Senness by unanimous vote last Tuesday night.

The variance was granted after objections were heard from Streight, Mitchell, Earl B. Kinney, Howard J. Percy, A. J. Lodge, Empty Saddle Club, and the Torrance-Lomita Realty board, represented by W. E. Bowen.

Street Repair Program Will Be Extended

Via Monte D'Oro, the main street leading into the Hollywood Riviera section, soon will be resurfaced, according to George Stevens, city administrator.

Funds for resurfacing of the street as well as for Border avenue from Torrance boulevard to Arlington avenue will be provided by the state's aid-to-cities funds, Stevens said. Bids for the resurfacing of the two streets are being advertised at the present time and the contract for the work will be let soon, according to Stevens.

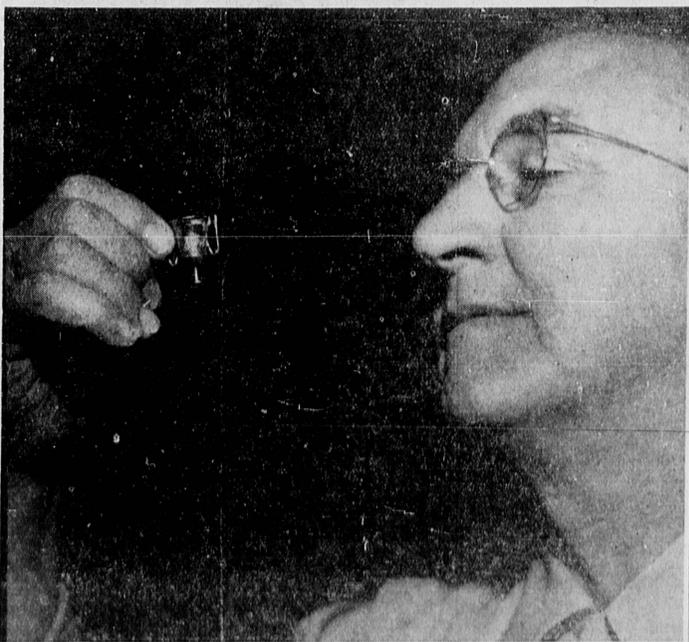
Also to be improved is 223rd street from Abalone avenue to Western avenue. Opening of the street will connect with a section of the street in county territory which will eventually cross the Los Angeles river over a new bridge.

Cyclists Have 'Rash' But No Broken Bones

John Joseph Brady and his 19-year-old wife are suffering from an ailment known in motorcycle circles as "acute highway rash."

Brady, an employe of the National Supply Company who lives at 1661 Pacific Coast highway and Mrs. Brady were riding tandem on their motorcycle on Torrance boulevard when they crashed into a car making a left turn onto Western avenue. Brady told police he did not see the car, said to have been driven by Cecil Edgar McDaniel, of 2101 W. 233rd street, in time to stop. He "blat" the two-wheeler on its side and slid into the car. Both riders escaped with skin abrasions.

McDaniel, an employe of American-Standard, was unhurt.



REAPS REWARD—Ray Rogers inspects trophy awarded him for being the leading pigskin picker of the season. The loving cup was fashioned from a thimble, two safety pins, and a collar button. Students of Torrance High School witnessed the presentation during an assembly last Friday. (See sports story on page 7-B).