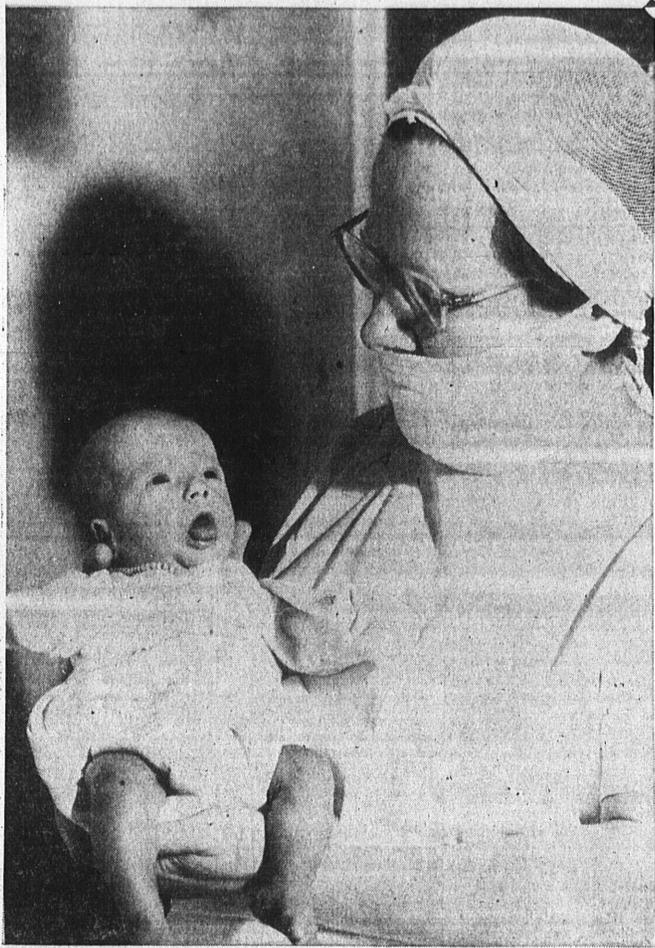


North American Leases Doak Aircraft Plant Here



BOREDOM . . . Tiny Katherine Elizabeth Hinckley, who weighed-in at slightly over a pound at the Torrance Memorial Hospital two months ago, seems a bit bored as she poses for her first portrait since being released from her incubator. Now weighing more than five pounds, she is held for her picture by Nurse Agnes Thompson.—(Herald photo).

City's Tiniest Tot Now Five Pounds

Katherine Elizabeth Hinckley is a big girl now. The tiniest child ever to be born alive at Torrance Memorial Hospital is now two months old, tips the scales at better than five pounds, and is doing mighty nicely, thank you. As she posed for her first portrait this week through a window at the hospital, Katherine yawned prettily—a bit bored by all the fuss and bother just because she could only muster 22 or 23 ounces a few weeks ago. Besides, she expects to come home to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hinckley, 2168 240th street, sometime next week, and a girl just HAS to have a little time to get herself ready. You wouldn't want her to make a poor first impression on older brother Freddie, 7, and sister Linda Susan, 3, would you? Just try spending a few weeks in an incubator yourself sometime and see how far behind with things YOU get. Anyhow, a girl should be able to be a little underweight without stirring up all this commotion. After all, a young gal has to go some to keep her figure these days.

20 New Buildings Dot Uptown Area

At least 20 new stores are being built or planned in Torrance's business district in the biggest commercial building boom since the war. Others are rumored to be on their way to the planning tables. Largest single project is Roth's Market at 1321 Post avenue which will include 18,000 square feet of market space. The building alone is estimated to cost more than \$67,000 and furnishings \$85,000. Local realtors say that at least three other stores will build in the immediate vicinity as soon as the market is completed, or possibly before then. George Binder and Eleanor Ruth, who list their address as Union Bank Building, Los Angeles, are asking permits to build four stores in one \$24,500 building at 1317-21 El Prado, four more stores in another \$12,600 building at 1340-46 El Prado, and a \$9000 warehouse at 1315 El Prado. Five Normandy style stores estimated to cost \$10,000 are being erected for L. H. Breightman on Cravens avenue across from the Stadium Theater. Dr. Don C. Moskos is seeking tenants for three stores at 1619-23 Cravens avenue he says will cost about \$19,000.

Aviation Firm Will Employ 100 At Local Plant

North American Aviation, Inc., has leased the Doak Aircraft Company plant on Abalone avenue in Torrance, it was learned by the Herald late yesterday. While details of the transaction lack official confirmation, it has been reported from reliable sources that employment at the Torrance plant will be increased approximately tenfold. Doak Aircraft now has about 100 on its payroll and it is estimated that North American will employ 100. While seniority rights under the union contract at the company's Downey plant must be respected, it is anticipated that every consideration will be given to local residents, particularly those now working at the Doak plant, the Herald learned. It is understood that the lease of the Doak plant is drawn on a two-to-five year basis, and that production will be confined to aircraft work. Officials of Doak Aircraft, who have taken an active part in community activities, plan to continue in business in this area, where they already have interests in industrial plants.

Sweets Swiped

Ice cream, candy and an undetermined amount of money were taken from the City Park canteen Saturday night after a hack saw was used to force entrance to the place, police reported.

Two stores, including a restaurant, will be housed in a \$6000 building that is being built at 1614 Cravens avenue for Attorney Albert Isen. A permit to build a new \$20,000 medical building at 1104-06 Sartori avenue is being sought by Dr. M. E. Kline, and the new medical building of Dr. W. A. Hoxie on Cravens avenue opened. (Continued on Page 2)

Flying Disc? Local Youth Finds Answer

A blue, perfectly round disc swooped toward the earth, performed two or three quick flips and settled on the grass at Torrance City Park. A tiny man—he measured about four feet tall and weighed less than 100 pounds—watched the whirling circle, and when it stopped rotating, he said: "Shucks!" Yo-yo season is back at playgrounds throughout the city.

PUBLIC APATHY MAY DEFEAT BONDS, SAYS SCHOOL HEAD

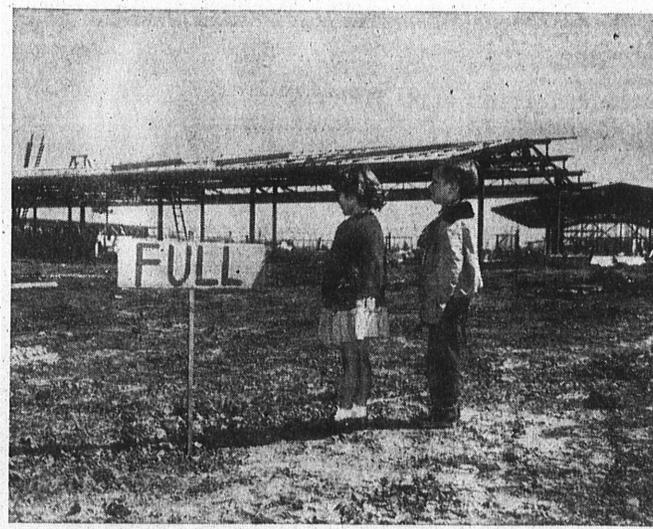


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'No Need for Any Planners,' Says Commission Head

Albert D. Gianni, chairman of the planning commission, resigned Tuesday night following action by the council which reversed a ruling by the commission regarding the reopening of a dairy in North Torrance. He told the Herald late yesterday that Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy had urged him to reconsider before taking official action. He said he would remain as chairman of the board, although he said he could not speak for the other members of the commission. Some of the members told Gianni they too would resign. Whether they would reconsider, Gianni could not say. It was pointed out by Gianni and other witnesses that a tract of 350 new homes is planned adjacent to the dairy. Numerous complaints against the dairy and others in the area have been reported, it was said. Gianni's resignation came following the hearing of a lengthy case presented by Attorney John A. Shidler on the behalf of Peter Nuccio, owner of a dairy at 3300 West 182nd street. Shidler contended that no abandonment of the dairy had occurred and that the council was obligated to grant Nuccio a license for the dairy. He said that if the permit were not granted, his client would suffer a loss of approximately \$15,000. City Attorney C. Douglas Smith told the council in his opinion that if the council granted the license they would be violating a city ordinance. Councilmen A. L. Jackson, Nick Drale and George Powell, apparently not in accord with Smith's ruling, voted to grant Nuccio permission to continue to operate his dairy in North Torrance. Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy and Councilman Bob L. Haggard held with Smith's opinion and voted "no" on the issue. Following the vote, Gianni told the council: "The city doesn't need any planners apparently. I resign from the commission." Later Gianni said: "The mayor has talked me into staying on the commission, but the city will have to make up its mind whether they want hog ranches and dairies or new homes."



NO VACANCY . . . Even before the new North Torrance School is completed, school officials indicated this week that the school was filled to capacity. Trouble arises from the fact that builders can construct homes faster than they can schools. Looking over their new school are Laura A. Alford, 17330 Atkinson avenue, and Cappy Phillips, 2925 West 174th street. Next Tuesday Torrance voters will go to the polls to vote on a \$2,000,000 bond issue which will, if passed, give the go-ahead signal to the Board of Education to build two new elementary schools.—Herald photo.

City to Ballot On \$2 Million Issue Tuesday

"Public apathy may cost Torrance parents the very schools they have asked school administrators to build." Thus did Dr. Howard A. Wood alert local voters yesterday—just five days before the electorate will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 21, to vote on a \$2,000,000 school bond issue. Dr. Wood, president of the Torrance Board of Education, said that a widespread feeling that the much-needed bond issue would pass may be the cause of the measure being voted down. "Those who do not wish to see their children forced into double sessions and half day classes must vote on Tuesday," he warned. The issue provides for a \$1,000,000 bond for elementary school development and another \$1,000,000 to be used for the purchase of two high school sites and for refurbishing the buildings and equipment at Torrance High School. The elementary bond issue would be used for the construction of new school plants to relieve the congestion in Central Torrance as well as the outlying districts. The plans as outlined by Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Henrich Hull call for the immediate construction of the school plants. He pointed out that although the North Torrance School is only in the "rough-in" construction stages, it is already filled by children from families who have moved into the district since the start of work on the new school. A similar situation exists in WALTERIA. Hull said that the Board finds it almost impossible to keep pace with the need for new schools. He said that the rate contractors can construct an entire new tract of homes is much faster than builders can construct a safe and lasting school building. "If Tuesday's bond issue passes, the district will have available the remainder of its bonding capacity—or approximately \$225,000. Another bond issue can be expected for additional elementary schools in the near future. The Board felt it would be wiser to wait until next year when the assessed valuation would be higher. By waiting a year, Hull said, those residents who move into Torrance during the coming year could help pay for any new schools which would be needed by the children they bring with them. If the bond issue passes Tuesday, the Board will use the (Continued on Page 2)

New 400-Home Tract To Start in 90 Days

And still they come. Another new home tract of 400 houses planned for construction within the next 90 days was revealed this week by Percy and Vaughn Investment Corporation. Delbert Vaughn, company spokesman, said that 80 acres at the northwest corner of Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards had been purchased by a large Beverly Hills construction company. Approximately 400 two-bedroom homes are planned to be constructed on the former C. C. M. O. property. Vaughn said that a large supermarket as well as other retail stores would be located on Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards. Duplexes will be constructed on Crenshaw boulevard north of the intersection, Vaughn said. He also said that C. C. M. O. and the developers would stake, lay out and pave Maricopa avenue as an 80-foot street to run from Crenshaw boulevard to Maple avenue. Tom King, of the Percy and Vaughn corporation, represented both parties in the deal. The deal was reported as having sold for approximately \$3500 per acre.

Judge Willett Reappointed To Long Beach

Torrance City Judge Otto B. Willett has been reappointed as Municipal Judge in Long Beach by State Supreme Court Justice Phil S. Gibson, it was revealed this week. Gibson, acting as chairman of the Judicial Council, appointed Willett to fill in for Judge Percy Hight who is currently sitting on the Superior Court bench. The appointment, effective until May 1, starts Judge Willett on his third year in the Long Beach court. He has served also as the City Judge of Torrance for the past five years.

Name Park After Late Fire Chief

The new North Torrance Park, to be located at 174th street and Yukon avenue, will be named McMaster Park in tribute to the city's late fire chief, John E. McMaster. The name was accepted last Tuesday night by the Torrance City Council. McMaster, who died of a heart attack January 11, had served the city as fire chief for 14 years.

These Taxis Come Equipped With Baby Sitters

Students at Torrance High School are all but putting the "X" after the "Yes" on the high school bond question to be voted on next Tuesday. The boy students, members of the Varsity Club, have offered to transport any person to the polls who wishes to vote on the \$2,000,000 school bond issue. Not only will they drive the voters to the polls but in cases where a baby sitter is needed, the girls will come to baby-sit while the parents go to the polling places. The combination taxi-baby sitting service can be available after 3 p.m. by calling the High School—Torrance 645.

What Next?

If the Right Person Reads This A Dying Girl Will Be Happier

For the Martins, trouble comes in batches. About eight months ago Mr. Martin came down with arthritis and hasn't been able to work since. Shortly after that Hettie Voes, 15-year-old daughter of the Martins, was taken to Seaside Hospital in Long Beach. Doctors says she won't recover. To make the last days for the Torrance High School girl a bit more enjoyable, a neighbor of the Martins in WALTERIA gave the girl a cute sable and white Collie pup. Last Thursday someone stole the pup. Later in the week Mrs. Ellen Greer of 2448 Border avenue, found a small pup like Hettie's, Mrs. Martin went to identify the dog. Wrong dog. Somewhere, somebody has a brown and white Collie pup about 18 inches high that belongs to a girl in a hospital, who has not long to live. There will be no questions—only "Thank You!" for anyone who returns the pup to 2441 Madison street in WALTERIA.

A FLYING DISC? Youth Has Answer