

### City Manager Completes Annual Report to Council for 1948-49

Torrance could well be likened to the situation of the parents who ordered a tailored suit for their son only to have him outgrow it before it was finished.

Such was the nature of phenomenal growth of the city reported by City Manager George A. Stevens in his annual report tendered this week to the City Council.

Building of all kinds continued at a near-record pace, the trend being heavily in favor of residential construction with a total of 1226 units being authorized.

Stevens' report stated: "This would indicate an increase in housing units to the city of approximately 20 per cent in one year, certainly a phenomenal growth for such a period," the city manager reported.

Other highlights of the year as reported by Stevens included: The city tax rate was reduced to \$1.16 in 1948-49 from \$1.31 in 1947-48.

The city completed the greatest year of street improvements in its history, important among which are the following:

Widened Sepulveda boulevard east of Narbonne avenue. Resurfaced Broadway avenue, Sartori avenue and Via Monte D'oro.

Completed details for opening, widening and improving Western avenue.

Widened and resurfaced a portion of Hawthorne avenue. Acquired right-of-way for Crenshaw boulevard cutoff.

The city carried on extensive building improvement and expansion program, the most important being:

Installing acoustical ceiling and painting of Civic auditorium.

New bus garage and office building. Move-in and remodel Walteria Library building.

New rest rooms at Civic auditorium and El Retiro park. Complete plans for North Torrance fire station.

A site of approximately five acres was purchased for fire station and other city buildings, a portion to be used as a park and playground.

Five-step plan for employees established to cover past services.

Council-manager form of government, inaugurated January, 1949.

Special census taken, which gave city official population of 17,450.

North Torrance water main system installed, opening area for development.

Two new, ultra-modern fire engines purchased, being the first new fire engines in more than 20 years, and old engine completely modernized.

City purchased first mechanical street sweeper, prior sweeping done by hand.

Installation of modern street-name signs started.

Changed over all radio equipment to new wave length, radio control extended to fire and water departments.

Master plan of land use started, planning engineer employed to aid in studies.

Building permits in amount of \$6,431,875 issued, mostly residential.

Subdividing continued at a high rate, 17 new tracts recorded.

For the first time, the city operated through lean tax season (July to December) without registering warrants and ended the fiscal year with a cash surplus of \$200,000.

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EXCEPT the Southernly 127.5 feet of said land, for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said deed of trust, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, advance if any, under the terms of said deed of trust, interest thereon and \$750.00, in unpaid principal of the note secured by said deed of trust, with interest thereon from July 1, 1948, as in said note and by law provided. Dated: March 27, 1950. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ESCROW COMPANY By Loreto Dowling Assistant Secretary (Corporate Seal) March 30, April 6, 13, 1950

### Retarded Children Get Aid Without Segregation Here

A new program in Torrance schools for aiding mentally retarded children without the stigma of segregated classes has received unofficial approval of Los Angeles County school officials. Local school district officials this week were awaiting word from the California Department of Education on whether the new plan will receive official sanction.

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### Salvation Army Marking 17th Year, Asks Aid

Seventieth anniversary of the Salvation Army's establishment in the United States is being celebrated this year with even greater efforts to give a helping hand to the handicapped and to those in need.

"We will continue with increased vigor our program of faithful, unselfish service to humanity," Brig. Fred Ohrn said today. Brigadier Ohrn is manager of the Salvation Army social service center serving this area.

In line with this pledge, Brigadier Ohrn announced plans for the spring salvage week campaign to be held April 17 through 22. He urged housewives and executives to begin immediately a thorough search of closets and garages for no-longer-wanted articles, then telephone Lomita 2329 for a Red Shield truck to call for them.

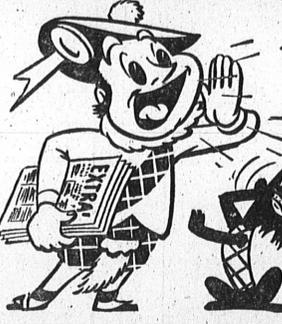
"Last year through our program," Brigadier Ohrn said, "2125 men were given the opportunity to earn their way back to a useful place in society. In addition, 74,814 meals, 18,425 beds, and 234,000 man hours of work were provided. We need your discards to carry on this program. A telephoned request to Lomita 2329 will bring a Salvation Army truck to your home or office."

Common non-game birds protected by law include meadow larks, wrens, sparrows (except English sparrows), woodpeckers, robins, swallows, bluebirds, yellow-billed magpies, mockingbirds, hawks (except Cooper, sharp-shinned, and duck hawks), owls (except horned owls), eagles, road runners, brown pelicans, and shore birds.

TOPSOIL WASHED AWAY The United States loses the equivalent of 500,000 acres of topsoil a year due to erosion.

COTTONSEED LEADER The United States leads the world in the production of cottonseed.

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SATURDAYS 9:30 A.M. to 9 P.M.

The guard will be stationed here by the Los Angeles County Traffic Department.

Mrs. Rye also announced that school would be officially closed for the Easter vacation Friday, March 31 of the following week.

PURE MINERAL SOURCE Sulphur and salt, 99 percent pure, are found in Louisiana.

CHANNEL WIDTH VARIES The English Channel varies in width from 20 to 140 miles.

STATUE HEIGHT The Statue of Liberty in New York harbor is 305 1/2 feet tall.



CORNER OF EL PRADO AND SARTORI Phone Lomita 2811 Formerly El Prado Furniture

### Pandora Club Hears Speaker On Chinchillas

Mrs. Ronald Taylor and Mrs. J. J. Snow were hostesses to the Pandora Club of Walteria Thursday at the Recreation hall.

Interesting speaker of the evening was Art Stagner, owner of a chinchilla ranch in Walteria. The tiny one-day old chinchillas, the adult chinchilla and finally the glamorous chinchilla coat were highly entertaining as the speaker showed moving pictures during his talk.

Other pictures shown were of the Chinchilla Fair in Denver, Colo., which Mr. and Mrs. Stagner attended; pictures of snow in Walteria a year ago and the club's Christmas play.

Luncheon was served at tables forming a hollow square and when the guests had found their places, Mrs. Snow read the ancient legend of Pandora. Then asking Mrs. T. M. Kirk, president of the club, to join Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Taylor, the Pandora box was unveiled. Removing a shawl, Mrs. Kirk found a hand-carved chest with the letters "Pandora Club" inscribed upon it. Mrs. Kirk opened the chest and an assortment of balloons floated about the room.

The chest was a gift to the club from Mr. Snow who had made it. A vote of thanks was given the Snows for the lovely gift.

Birthday gifts were presented to three members during the luncheon and the following guests welcomed, Mrs. Mamie Logan, Mrs. Art Stagner and Mrs. Harold Galligan.

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EXCEPT the easterly 60 feet of said land.

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