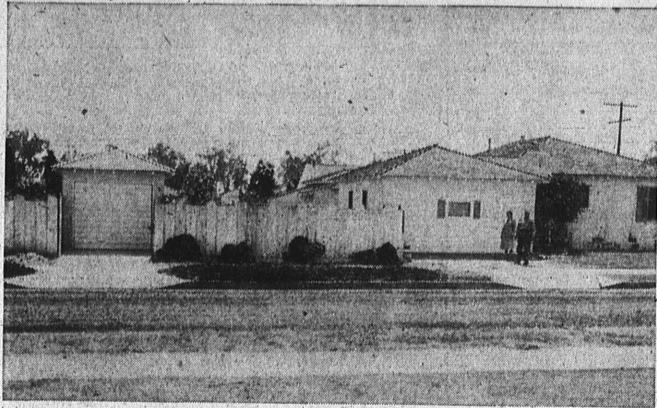


Census -- 22,201: Torrance 223% Bigger Than in 1940



WHITE ELEPHANT FOR RENT . . . Because their garage had been converted to a rum-pus room, Los Angeles City officials forced this aged Shoestring Strip couple to build the garage at left to comply with an "or else" ultimatum. They own no car.—Herald Photo.

For Rent: By Aged Couple--One Garage!

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collins may not know the meaning of bureaucracy—but what they do know is that they have a new garage for a car they don't own and don't need.

Mr. Collins at 64, she is 59, bought a home in the Shoestring Strip, part of the City of Los Angeles, two years ago. The home at 1573 West 216th street had a double garage which had been converted into a rum-pus room and den.

"We bought the place thinking we could rent the room and much income," Mr. Collins stated. "Then comes this fellow from the City of Los Angeles and tells us to put up a garage 'or else.' Well, we didn't have the money, so we borrowed \$440 from the bank and had it built. I couldn't work on it because of my back," he said.

"The Collins' said that if they had known when they moved from 1737 Martina avenue that all residents living in Los Angeles must have a garage they probably never would have bought the house.

It seems the Collins' never heard of Subsection A and D of Section 1600, Chapter 1, Article 6, of the Los Angeles Building Code—but it is there alright because the man who said "or else" had a special mimeographed paper with the law typed on it.

The payment on the house takes just about all that Mrs. Collins earns as a baby sitter and what little she gets caring for a nearly-blind pensioner living with them.

If you live near 1573 West 216th street, you might be able to rent the Collins' garage if you need one—Mr. and Mrs. Collins don't!

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City's Employees Seek 10% Pay Hike

Across the board pay hikes of 10 per cent now being sought by city employees will add an additional \$100,000 to city spending next year, it was estimated this week.

In a letter presented to the City Council Tuesday night, Sam Burland, international representative of United Public Workers of America, Local 360, stated that the union, representing approximately 185 city employees, would ask for a 10 per cent blanket raise and other conditions affecting days off.

City Manager George W. Stevens said that the demand would actually amount to approximately a 15 per cent hike when retirement increases and pay for days off was considered.

The salary paid out by the city during the last 30-day pay period amounted to \$54,647, according to the figures of Charles Curtis, city accountant.

It can be expected, it was pointed out, that next year the total salaries paid will be more than 12 times the figure paid out during May of this year, since more employees will have been added to the various city departments.

Stevens pointed out that for each one dollar increase in salaries granted, the city will have to add another 9.3 cents to the retirement fund. He said that the demands for certain holidays to be declared non-work days is double the amount of days now given to city employees.

He said also that the sick (Continued On Page 3)

Trio Win Lions Scholarships; Nine Make CSF

Odds on girls being better students than boys were fixed at 7 to 2 at Torrance High School this past semester.

These figures were disclosed when it was announced that seven girls and two boys had been voted life membership in the California Scholastic Federation, an honorary organization.

Vivian Hazzard and Jeanne Jenkins will share honors which normally fall to class valedictorians—they were tied, scholastically, for top honors in the graduating class this year.

Those named included Dolores Fees, Marilyn Finch, Wallace Fullmer, Vivian Hazzard, Jeanne Jenkins, Howard Mimura, Ann Mondor, Mary Jo Tillotson, and Marcella Sprung.

The two girls and Howard Mimura were guests of the Lions Club Tuesday noon when W. B. Hickcox presented each with the club's scholarship award of \$50. Mimura told the assembled Lions that he planned to attend Santa Barbara in the fall, while each of the girls said she planned to attend El Camino.

The club usually awards a scholarship to one boy and one girl from each graduating class, but the two girls were so nearly on a par scholastically that no decision was possible between them.

Vice-Principal Charles Wallace introduced the three recent graduates to the club, and told of their achievements during their high school careers, which led to their being chosen to receive the awards.

Brick Pit Labeled as 'Dust Bowl'

Closing of a brick pit described by North Torrance residents as a "menace to health and safety," may result from a meeting of the City Council and residents of the area next Tuesday evening.

Mayor Bob L. Haggard set a meeting for 7:30 p.m. on June 20 as a time for further discussion of the problem.

Ed. F. Saul, 17518 Arlington avenue, a long-time resident of North Torrance, said the operation of the pit by Builder's Brick Company was creating a "dust bowl" of the area.

Protesting the operation of the pit also was Barton Davidson of 17590 Arlington avenue, who said that his wife had given up trying to keep house because of the dust.

Still another complaint against the pit operation was expressed by Mrs. S. V. Magallanes, 17580 Arlington avenue, a farmer, who said that she was unable to sell her property at the present time in spite of having received favorable offers before the pit was placed in operation.

The five-acre site was recently deeded to the city in exchange for a permit to dig clay for brickmaking from the pit. The city probably would refill the pit and convert the area to a park, it was pointed out at the meeting.

'MOOSE DAY' SET

Tuesday, June 20, was officially declared "Moose Day" by action of the City Council at their meeting last Tuesday.



ED KARLOW
New Jaycee Leader

Ed Karlow Named JC President

Ed Karlow, assistant credit manager at The National Supply Company, was elected president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the group last Thursday evening.

Other officers elected include: Dwight Eubank, first vice-president; Harvey Abramson, second vice-president; James Moorehead, secretary; Bert Smith, treasurer; and Marvin Goetsch, sergeant-at-arms.

Selected to serve on the board of directors were Velko Miltich, Charles Schultz Jr., Robert Almond, and Robert Peckham. Installation of the new officers will be during first dinner meeting in July—a date to be announced later.

Special Edition Informs City of Recount Outcome

Holding to its policy of rendering forthright and faithful service to the community, the Torrance Herald published an "Extra" Thursday, only a few hours after the regular Thursday edition "hit the streets."

The special edition was in the news stands less than a half hour after Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk ruled that Councilman Willys G. Blount was the rightful candidate elected to the City Council last April.

Influx of 12,251 Persons In Last Decade Noted

Torrance, now with a population of 22,201, is 223 per cent bigger than it was at the last census, according to the official 1950 census count for the city.

As of April 1, 1950, James L. Pierce, district supervisor, revealed yesterday, 12,251 persons had moved into the city limits of Torrance during the past ten years.

However, even now, only two and a half months after the official nose count, the city has undoubtedly increased considerably in size over the official census figure. The rate with which new homes are being constructed makes it evident that actually the number of persons now living here is closer to 25,000.

The population, as determined in 1940, was just 50 under 10,000 persons—or 9,950.

Detailed breakdown of the population figures will not be available for several months, Pierce said.

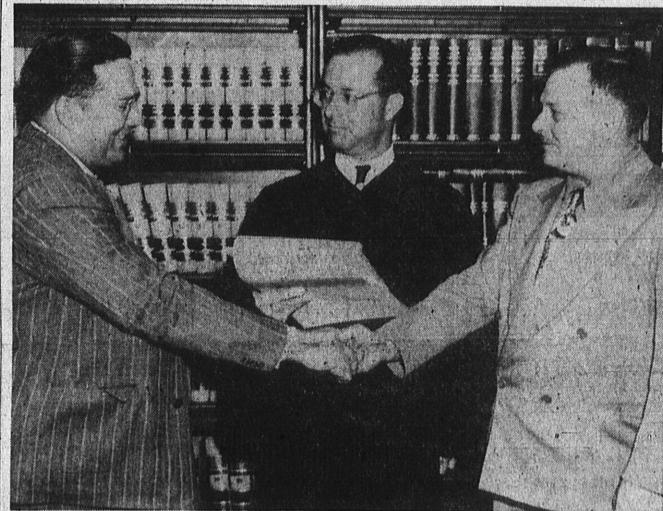
The figure, as determined by a crew of 19 census takers under the leadership of Stanley Hieman, will hold as the official census of Torrance, with few exceptions.

Still to be added to the figure are men and women in the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine and those persons now in foreign countries.

CITY MAY LIFT BAN ON FIREWORKS

Acting on a motion by Councilman Harvey B. Spelman, Jr., the Torrance City Council took action Tuesday night to relax the present anti-fireworks ordinance.

Recount Verdict Ends Council Controversy



SETTLED . . . Victor E. Benstead (right) congratulates Councilman Willys G. Blount on his election victory which was confirmed in Superior Court last Thursday. Pictured also is Judge Stanley Mosk, who conducted the recount of ballots. (Herald photo.)

Blount Named Victor

No further court action will be taken to contest the right of Councilman Willys G. Blount to hold a seat on the Torrance City Council, Victor E. Benstead, loser in last week's ballot recount, stated this week.

Speaking through his attorney, Albert Isen, Benstead said that no appeal was planned.

However, Councilman Nick Drule, apparently, was not so easily pacified by the court outcome.

At a meeting of the Torrance City Council Tuesday night, Drule moved to have District Attorney Simpson step in to determine whether or not peculiarities in the precinct returns did not warrant a grand jury investigation.

Councilman George Powell seconded the motion. With Councilman Blount in Seattle, Wash., the motion died in a two-two deadlock.

Councilman Blount, a winner in the April 11 councilmanic race by seven votes, had his hold on the title strengthened last Thursday when the final tally of a court recount increased his lead to 17 votes.

Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk issued a judgment this week declaring Councilman Blount to have won the election by a count of 1415 to 1398. The original tally had Blount leading Benstead by a count of 1421 to 1414.

Representing Councilman Blount in the action was S. V. O. Pritchard, formerly a member of the staff of the County Counsel for 21 years.

Charged with paying the court costs of approximately \$121 were the losers in the action, Benstead, and former Councilman Nick Cucci, who filed an action paralleling Benstead's and which was heard simultaneously with the latter's recount demand.

Drule's motion to have the D.A. enter the picture hit hard. (Continued On Page 3)

Local School Costs 18% Below Average

In spite of some rather penalizing costs incurred in the construction of the Perry School, building costs of Torrance Schools is 18 per cent below the state average, a recent report indicated.

Findings reported by Daniel, Mann, and Johnson, designers of the Torrance schools, indicate that while the state norm is \$11.12 per square foot the Torrance costs are only \$9.19 per square foot.

"The state average," claims Arthur E. Mann of the architectural firm, "of \$11.12 does not allow for many items of equipment included in the Torrance Schools at \$9.19."

The Torrance program to date totals approximately 94,401 square feet with a construction cost exclusive of site development, but including certain equipment, of \$867,841.

In establishing a square foot cost, the architects had to consider the cost of the Perry School. Here the cost was \$14.12 per square foot—exceedingly high, yet in spite of this high average the Torrance level was still far below the state allowed cost (Chap. 15, Div. 3 Education Code) of \$11 per square foot. The high cost at Perry was due to the installation of electrical and plumbing facilities which will eventually service future additions. The cost of these future additions will be substantially lower than the present average cost and should reduce even further the Torrance per square foot construction costs, the designers said.

The report also answered several questions posed by the school authorities.

It was found that Walteria School costs were higher due to the installation of louvers, 400 feet of sewer extensions, extensive grading, and unfavorable bidding at time job was awarded.

Also, reported were these findings: Steel sash as used on the local schools was less expensive than wood and resulted in lower maintenance costs. Combining of lavatory facilities into one large facility instead of possibly two smaller units, was detrimental to the proper control of such facilities.

Stucco-frame construction was found to be no less expensive than concrete and requires more skilled labor to install, contains more expensive materials, and increases the necessary size of roof columns and concrete footings. Construction costs could be lowered still further if single plane ceilings were installed instead of multi-plane ceilings which are constructed to provide better room lighting.

Y-W May Get Club Site

First legal step which may lead to the granting of a site to the YWCA for their proposed clubhouse, was taken by the City Council Tuesday night.

The site in question is a portion of unused county property adjacent to the present County Health Center on Carson street at Plaza del Amo.

The council's action followed an investigation by Mayor B. Haggard into title restrictions and deed requirements of the triangular piece of land.

If the resolution, which was ordered drafted at Tuesday's meeting, is accepted by the County, it will enable the city to allow the YWCA to construct a clubhouse on approximately 2.9 acres of park-like ground.

FBI, Police Cap Eight-Year-Old Case With Arrest

FBI agents and local police topped an eight-year-old search this week with the arrest of a 41-year old man alleged by the Army to have gone "over the hill" from Camp Roberts.

Arrested on a charge of desertion, according to police records was Rosendo Poms, 17821 Western avenue. The federal agents said he was attached to Co. C of 76th Infantry regiment.



A SHARP TRIO . . . Listening quietly to the citation that went with the Lions Club's scholarship awards of \$50 each are (left to right) Jeanne Jenkins, Vivian Hazzard, and Howard Mimura. At the extreme left is W. B. Hickcox of the Lions Club who read the citation and presented the awards.