

# Facts and Figures Reflect 'The Torrance Story'



**NEW COURSE . . .** Here's an aerial view of the new one-mile course at Carrell Speedway. The winding track will be given its premiere showing Sunday afternoon when the West Coast Jolopy Racing Association stages a special program to start at 3 o'clock.

## VERMONT AVENUE OVAL IS NO LONGER AN OVAL

Inauguration of Carrell Speedway's new mile-long raceway has been scheduled for Sunday when Bill White stages a card of races for pre-war stock cars.

The debut of the recently completed roadway is being watched by racing enthusiasts, White said, because it may be the spark which rejuvenates the sport of auto racing.

First to try the dangerous one-mile track will be the lead-footed jalopy pushers. They will tangle bumpers in a 25-lap main event.

The Sunday afternoon runs will be the first in some time. Such pilots as Torrance's own Bill Grijalva will be on hand to test the new course, White says. Others to give the funny-shaped course the once over will include Bill Galdarisi, Buddy Lee, Hal Logan, Termit Collins, Bill West, Clem Proctor, and Bugsy Taylor.

The two-wheelers will continue to defy the law of averages on Wednesday evenings, it was announced.

## Basic Facts About City Told in Chamber Booklet

Released this week by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce as a community service was a compilation of statistical information regarding the various agencies, businesses and other facts about the city of Torrance.

It is suggested that the following article be clipped and saved for future use by those interested.

Torrance, originally incorporated May 12, 1921, as a sixth class community, recently became a chartered city by vote August 20, 1947.

The town site was laid out as a modern industrial city by the noted landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmstead of Boston, Mass., under the direction of Jared Sidney Torrance, its founder. (Utility services installed in alleys).

In the basic planning the business district, residential and industrial areas were strategically located, with the result that the community has had a phenomenal growth since its inception.

Torrance is noted for its all-year mild climate. The area is cooled by the gentle breeze of the Pacific Ocean, only four miles to the west of the center of the city, and embraces a part of the South Bay with the Riviera, a palatial home district and beach.

It is the fifth largest city in area in Los Angeles-County, being 18.88 square miles in size.

This great industrial and home center is only seven miles from the harbor shipping centers of Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors.

**TOPOGRAPHY**

Flat and rolling in character.  
Altitude—75 feet  
Rainfall—average of 16".

**POPULATION**

U. S. Census—1940 . . . . . 9,950  
U. S. preliminary census April 1, 1950 . . . . . 22,201 (123.13%)  
Increase—12,251  
Estimated population August 1, 1950 . . . . . 25,068

**DWELLING UNITS**

1940 . . . . . 3,155  
August, 1950 . . . . . 7,282

**RESIDENTIAL METERS**

Gas Meters . . . . . 6,417  
Water Meters (Munic.) . . . . . 4,485  
Electric Meters . . . . . 6,823  
Telephones . . . . . 6,672

**BUILDING PERMITS**

1940 . . . . . \$ 421,417  
1949 . . . . . 7,296,905  
Jan. 1-Aug. 1, 1950 . . . . . 7,843,849

**BUILDING CODE**

Uniform Building Code  
REGISTERED VOTERS . . . . . 9,036  
Estimate

**ASSESSED VALUATION**

1940 . . . . . \$20,333,285  
1950-51 . . . . . \$48,508,400

**BONDED INDEBTEDNESS (Municipal)**

July 1, 1950 . . . . . \$5,000

**INDUSTRIES**

Over 125 including Columbia Steel Co. (U. S. Steel), the National Supply Co., General Petroleum Corporation of California, Pittsburgh Plate Glass-Paint Division. (Complete list available upon request).

**PAYROLLS**

\$700,000.00 per week!

Professional . . . . . \$ 50,000.00  
Industrial . . . . . 500,000.00  
Services . . . . . 150,000.00

**WATER**

Furnished by Torrance Municipal Water District wells and Metropolitan Water District. The community is assured an adequate supply of excellent water for its present and future development.

**POWER**

Southern California Edison Co.

**GAS**

Southern California Gas Co.

**TELEPHONES**

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.  
Associated Telephone Co., Ltd.

**FEDERAL AGENCIES**

Torrance Annex Naval Supply Depot  
California State Employment Service  
U. S. Military Recruiting (Basement Post Office)  
Fiscal Year . . . . . Post Office receipts  
1940 . . . . . \$ 43,285.81  
1950 . . . . . 157,159.01

**Railway Freight Lines**

Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Pacific Electric

**SCHOOLS**

Six elementary:  
Fern Avenue, 1314 Fern avenue; Torrance Elementary, 2205 Martina ave.; Seaside School, 4651 Sharynne Jane; Walteria School, 24456 Madison street; Perry School, 17931 Prairie avenue; North Torrance School, 17220 Casimir avenue. (Two schools to be constructed in 1951 Madrona, Hollywood Riviera).

Nursery School  
Preschool child, 2.5 years  
Extended Child Care Center  
School age child, 5-16 years  
Nativity Parochial School  
Carson and Acacia (elementary)  
High School  
Torrance High, 2200 Carson street (No. Torrance High to be projected in 1951)  
Junior College  
El Camino Junior College, Redondo and Crenshaw boulevards  
School Registration

1950-51 Estimate

Parochial . . . . . 380  
High School . . . . . 1,000  
Junior College . . . . . 3,600

**TORRANCE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

2335 Plaza del Amo. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent. John A. Shidler, president of the Board of Education

**LIBRARY**

Los Angeles County Branch, Cravens and Post avenues.

**CHURCHES**

Twenty one.

**BANKS**

Bank of America  
Torrance National Bank

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

Three, including Torrance Municipal Park. Ball parks illuminated for night events.

**NEWSPAPERS**

TORRANCE HERALD  
Peninsula Press

**POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

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**CHAIN STORES**

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**TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Membership—300  
**MOTION PICTURES**  
Grand Theatre  
Stadium Theatre  
Torrance Theatre  
Drive-In Theatre

**HOTELS**

Six—All moderately priced

**HOSPITALS**

Torrance Memorial Hospital—65 beds  
Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital—864 beds

Physicians . . . . . 20  
Dentists . . . . . 8  
Optometrists . . . . . 3  
Chiropractors . . . . . 2  
Chiropodists . . . . . 1  
Attorneys . . . . . 10

**VETERINARY**

Harbor Animal Hospital

**VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS**

American Legion (and Auxiliary)  
Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary

**SERVICE CLUBS**

Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists, Toastmaster, Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Other organizations available from office records)

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**Alums Challenge 1950 Gridders**

A slight hassle has come up around El Camino over the relative merits of Coach Amby Schindler's 1950 Warriors and some of his earlier combos at the El Camino institution.

Best way to settle this thing is to have a football game, someone conjectures—and they are going to do it.

Come 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, the 1950 Warriors will line up against an alumni aggregation in an exhibition game on the college greensward.

Such former greats as George McGregor, Les Kazarian, Lencho Gomez, Vern Langager, Cee Schmeckle, Socco Torres, Irv Gustavson, Lee Groves, Marty Acosta, Dick Contreras and Bob Loforte will don helmets and pads to take on the present aggregation of bone-crunchers there.

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AT TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Hedges, 1426 Lomita boulevard, a daughter, born August 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed H. Jenkins, 2164 Torrance boulevard, a son, born August 24 at 1:17 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Sleeth, Jr., 24251 Los Codona, Walteria, a son born August 25 at 10:25 a.m.

ARNOLD—Mr. and Mrs. L. T., 2890 Daisy avenue, boy, August 19.

ENHLEDER—Mr. and Mrs. R. D., 2735 Delta street, boy, August 19.

GONZALES—Mr. and Mrs. W., 3533 Gale avenue, boy, August 19.

MALDONADO—Mr. and Mrs. S., 1924 W. 19th street, boy, August 18.

MORGAN—Mr. and Mrs. D. L., 2744 Adriatic avenue, girl, August 18.

NISSING—Mr. and Mrs. E. J., 1711 W. Burnett, girl, August 22.

**Yeoma Osborn Cruises Up Thames on Labor Day**

Celebrating Labor Day in London with a day-long jaunt on the Thames river was George E. Osborn, chief yeoman in the Navy, according to an announcement yesterday by the Navy.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Osborn of 1745 Martina avenue, the Navy yeoman and his shipmates at the Headquarters of Admiral Richard L. Conolly in the British capital chartered the luxury steamer "Royal Sovereign," according to the Navy announcement.

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