

Rumors Say City to Get New 54-Acre Industry

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With That Many It No Doubt Was

A letter to the Torrance City Council Tuesday night signed by Matthew A. Libou, chairman of the National Supply Employees Club Social Committee, offered the thanks of the organization for use of the Civic Auditorium for the Club's Christmas party which he described as a "howling success."

Attending were 850 children, he said.

New Industrial Plant 'In the Bag' For City

A large industrial plant will soon rise on a 54-acre plot on Crenshaw boulevard south of the General Petroleum refinery, it was learned this week in Sacramento.

Although officials in the State Capitol as well as local industrial leaders declined to release any facts about the new plant, it was stated by a reliable news source that the deal "is in the bag" for Torrance.

Just what type of plant or who the builders would be was not available.

Surveying crews have been plotting the area and making test core drillings on the site for the past several weeks.

The plant is slated to be constructed on the west side of Crenshaw boulevard opposite the American Standard factory between General Petroleum and the new Pittsburgh Paint plant.

Bicycle Owners Must Register

Owners of new bicycles as well as those riders who have owned mounts for some time, were reminded by the Torrance Police Department this week that all bicycles must be registered and licensed for 1951.

To accommodate local bike owners, the Police Department will visit Torrance schools at 3:30 in the afternoon to license new and old bicycles, according to the following schedule:

- | January | School |
|---------|---------------------|
| 17 | Perry |
| 25 | Walteria |
| 24 | North Torrance |
| 30 | Torrance Elementary |
| 31 | Fern Avenue |
- Each week on Friday afternoon from 3 to 5, the Police Department will register bicycles at the Police Station.
- A fee of 50 cents will be charged to register new bicycles—25 cents for renewals.

Number of Church-Goers Here Below Average, Census Reveals

Only 15 per cent of Torrance residents, far less than the Southern California average of 50 per cent, are affiliated with any local church, a recent religious census reveals.

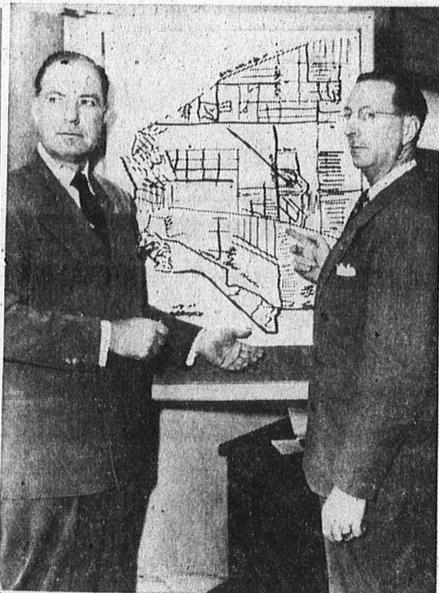
Participating churches in the Council hope to arrive at a course of action based on the findings of the census, which will lead more residents to come into fellowship with local churches.

The census will continue this Sunday with volunteers from the six churches comprising the council going from house to house to gather additional information about the church-going habits of Torrance residents.

Field workers are to meet at 1:30 at the First Christian Church to receive assignments and final instructions. More workers are needed, a council spokesman said, and anyone wishing to aid in the survey is invited to attend the briefing this Sunday.

Member churches of the council include the Christian, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Evangelical United Brethren and Episcopal faiths.

Although most of the major denominations are represented in Torrance, the ones which are not represented have made it possible for their members to associate with other churches on equal status with their own—a practice followed by many Protestant churches throughout the nation.



CHANGING MOUNTS . . . Newly-elected Torrance Chamber of Commerce President W. T. "Hap" Tillotson, (left) maps plans for an even greater Torrance in '51 with retiring Chamber President Dean L. Sears. (Herald photo).

Rock Wool Plant Executive New President of Torrance C. of C.

W. T. "Hap" Tillotson, manager of the American Rockwool plant, was elected to succeed Dean L. Sears, manager of the Torrance branch, Bank of America as president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at a banquet meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Jonathan Club Monday evening.

Selected for other positions on the board were C. T. Rippey and Reed Parkin, vice presidents and William Zoeller, treasurer.

Blaine Walker was re-named executive secretary.

The other members of the newly-formed board include R. I. Plomert Jr., Bob L. Haggard, Charles Ver Jones and Henry Creeger. Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. H. Hull was named an honorary member of the Board.

At the banquet which was staged by outgoing President Sears with the incoming Board members as his guests, Sears looked back through the past year and pointed to the record-breaking mark of \$13,776,832 which represents the amount of new homes started in Torrance during 1950.

By way of publicizing Torrance, the Chamber last year prepared and circulated 10,000 revised maps of the city, placed display advertising in metropolitan Los Angeles newspapers, distributed printed literature to 311 members of the Association of Industrial Realtors throughout the United States, printed and gave away 14,000 picture postcards depicting Torrance scenes and answered hundreds of individual requests for information concerning the city.

President Tillotson outlined briefly some of the projects the Chamber will undertake during the coming year. He said that the Chamber will cooperate closely with city officials to put into high gear an industrial development program already under way by the Chamber. Other projects include the expansion of parking, the development of off-street parking areas by a state-authorized parking authority; improve the methods of handling refuse in the downtown area and the procurement of rubbish receptacles, increase the installation of new street lights and assist in the adjustment of industrial production.

Tillotson said the Chamber was standing ready to assume its proportionate share in the Civilian Defense program.

Are You Sure One Will Be Enough, Joe?

Old Uncle Joe Stalin doesn't leave a stone unturned in his quest for information about America.

His agents have brazenly, mind you, without the slightest pretext of being secretive, extended his quest for info to Torrance.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, told the Torrance Educational Advisory Council last Monday that a request for a copy of his pamphlet describing the organization of the Advisory Council had come from behind the Iron Curtain.

Being a bit of literature which describes Democracy in action, the booklet undoubtedly has been dubbed as "Secret" by Uncle Joe's agents in Russia.

City Welcomes Hardest Rain Of the Season

Although yesterday's showers brought 36 inch of rain many stranded Torrance citizens and automobile drivers were willing to wade it must have been at least a foot.

Many residents were caught with their umbrellas and raincoats at home as yesterday's pre-noon showers caused small lakes to appear suddenly throughout the city.

Five-points' intersection was flooded from curb to curb. The gutters along Arlington avenue presented a problem for students of Torrance Elementary school, many of whom took off shoes to wade through water reaching nearly half way across the street.

The drain from the vicinity of the U.S. Naval Supply depot was laden with tree branches and debris which formed a road block across Plaza del Amo at Arlington avenue.

Water lapped over the curb, and sidewalk and reached to the door of a cafe on Cabildo avenue at 213th street while a sign over the door suggested customers "Drive-In."

A horse staked out in a pasture near Torrance boulevard and Western avenue appeared to look more like a boat riding at anchor as the rain waters turned the pasture into a sizeable lake.

Meanwhile, the weatherman at Los Angeles Airport reported that 81 of inch fell at that location. He predicted scattered showers, partly cloudy, with snow above the freezing level. No showers for Torrance were forecast.

The reading of 46 for Torrance was noted at the Torrance Fire Station and included only the morning showers and was not the official reading for the day.

The Torrance Police Department reported two minor, non-injury accidents which might have been attributed to the rain.



HOME BASE . . . Ed Dietrich, operator of Torrance Municipal Airport, (left) Manager Bob Tod, right, show facilities to Lt. Allan Sidejas, commanding officer of the 95th squadron, California Wing, Civil Air Patrol, which will be based at the local field. (Staff photo).

Injured Cyclist Reported Better; Driver Cited

Described as home and "on the mend" yesterday was 12-year-old Carl Stanley Welpton, of 720 Portola avenue. Carl suffered a broken collar bone and multiple abrasions Friday afternoon when struck by an auto at Torrance boulevard and Arlington avenue while riding his bicycle across the intersection.

Torrance Police said the bicyclist was hit by an auto driven by Paul W. Lawrence, 28, of Los Angeles. Lawrence was cited for failure to yield the right of way and running a boulevard stop, according to police records.

Young Welpton was first rushed to Harbor General Hospital for emergency treatment and later transferred to a private medical center before going home this week.

Double Crossed

Sometime during the night pranksters placed a school crossing sign on her porch at 1804 Martina avenue, Mrs. Leslie Alt told Torrance police Tuesday morning.

Air Unit Makes Local Strip New Home Base

Facilities at the Torrance Municipal Airport have been extended to the 95th Squadron, California Wing, of the Civil Air Patrol, which will make its home base there starting Sunday.

Ed Dietrich, airport operator, said that he was happy to extend the use of the field, considered to be one of the best in Southern California, to the CAP group, commanded by Lieutenant Allan Sidejas, of Paramount and formerly of Harbor City.

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Arthur Mullin, Auto Dealer, Dies at 71

Services, honoring one of Torrance's senior citizens, Arthur Mullin, owner of the local Oldsmobile agency, were conducted this week following the death of the early resident last Saturday afternoon.

A 71 years of age, the widely-known automobile dealer had lived 35 years of his life in Torrance. He lived at 1323 Cota avenue, with his wife, Mrs. Annie H. Mullin.

The Mullins were to have celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary this Sunday.

DIED AT HOME He died at 4 p.m. Saturday at his home. He had been under medical observation for several weeks for a cardiac and kidney condition.

The deceased came to Torrance in 1916, at a time when duck hunting near the Pacific Electric shops was a common pastime. He purchased one of the six houses north of Carson street on Cota avenue.

Starting to work as an electrician for the Llewellyn Iron Works (now Columbia Steel Company) Mullin switched to the Union Tool Company (now National Supply Company) a year later. In 1925 he opened the Mullin and Son Service Station and Garage, located then at 2053 Torrance boulevard, in association with his son, William, now employed with the Joslyn-Pacific Company as a metallurgist.

STARTS AGENCY In 1927 the senior Mullin left Columbia to assume management and ownership of the Chrysler agency. He abandoned the agency in 1930 and five years



ARTHUR MULLIN

... One of Torrance's earliest residents passes.

later took over the Oldsmobile dealership which he has held ever since. He was joined in the operation of the new car agency, now located at 1885 Torrance boulevard, by his daughter, Edna, and her husband, Milo Reed of Los Angeles.

Rosary for the native of Worcester, Maine was recited Monday evening in the Stone and Myers Chapel by Fathers Patrick J. McGuinness and Joseph Bauer.

MASS CELEBRATED Solemn high mass was celebrated in the Catholic Church of Nativity Tuesday morning with Fathers Michael P. Moser, Sullivan and Robert Gara officiating. Father Bauer gave the eulogy. Also present in the sanctuary were Fathers T. J. Kennedy and C. P. Isadore.

The early Torrance resident had given generously to the Nativity Catholic Church and aided substantially in the erection of the recently completed parochial school.

Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery followed the last rites.

SURVIVORS LISTED Survivors include his widow, Annie; a son, William of 1346 Engracia avenue; three daughters, Catherine and Mary of the Cota avenue address, and Mrs. Reed; a granddaughter, Patricia Mae, now attending a Santa Barbara college; and five brothers, Joseph and Peter of Boston, Bernard and Patrick of Detroit, and David of Windsor, Canada.

Pallbearers included James A. Obole, A. J. Colmer, Otto Batsch, (Continued on Page 2)

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HEAVY, HEAVY . . . Hangs the responsibilities over the head of Ernest R. Treloar, (right) recently elected president of the 740-member National Supply Employees Club, as he gets a briefing of his duties from outgoing president Clemente G. Bender. The charm-bracket like object in the background is National's big hoisting tackle—largest used in the oil industry.—Herald Photo.

Tips On Killer Prove Duds On Three Occasions

Three times this week William Cook, accused of murdering at least eight persons, was seen in Torrance—or so the local police were informed.

Sunday afternoon a cordon of police swarmed about the area of Crenshaw boulevard and El Dorado street as heavily armed F.B.I. agents, Torrance Police, Los Angeles Sheriffs, and Los Angeles Police closed in on a car bearing a Washington license. Owner of the auto was determined as Joe Ban of Yalima, Washington who was here visiting relatives.

Also the same day, Los Angeles Police rolled in answer to a tip that a hitchhiker answering the wanted man's description was thumbing a ride on Normandie avenue. Police said the suspect was a local resident enroute to a movie in Long beach. They did not take his name.

Still another call came in that a suspicious man in an equally suspicious car was parked near the Hobby Shop on El Prado. Torrance Officers John Maestri and Don Hamilton discovered Richard E. Adams, 27, of Denver, Colo., waiting for his father, Harvey C. Adams, of 824 Portola avenue.

Police of the southland have investigated reports that Cook was seen in Anaheim, Santa Monica, Mexicali, Riverside, Buena Park, Arcadia, Chula Vista, Blythe, and other points.

Water Rate, Tax Survey Ordered

So that the City Council would be armed with the answer to the question "What will the proposed \$2,000,000 water bond do to the tax and water rates?" the city fathers Tuesday night ordered that a survey be started at once.

The James M. Montgomery Company, hydro-engineers who prepared the recently published survey of the city's water system, was hired to do the survey.