

Construction Hits New High in First Quarter

Permits Total \$1,143,820 During March

Builders continued to hammer and saw Torrance along the record-breaking path of construction last month as the city issued permits totaling \$1,143,820, according to James B. Dresser, building inspector.

The March figure brings the three-month total for 1951 to \$3,663,580, or slightly more than the total at this time last year, according to the city's building inspector.

Responsible for nearly half of last month's total was a permit issued to General Petroleum Corporation for the construction of a \$447,750 change building at the local refinery. This building will have lockers and showers for use of employees at the plant.

Other permits issued during March include those for a \$200,000, 25-home tract started on 164th street by the Wagner Realty. Construction on a Truman Browne tract of 21 homes on 180th street was also started. This construction will total \$136,500.

The permits for the year continue to forge ahead of last year's record mark. The 1950 total reached an all-time high of \$16,009,783, more than double the previous record.

PV College Dean Attending Confab
John Horawd, dean of students and president-elect of Palos Verdes College, is in Chicago this week attending sessions of the National Conference on High Education at the Congress Hotel.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES . . . Soon to come down is the sign on the VFW building which will yield to a YMCA sign to mark the Torrance headquarters of the youth organization. The "Y" is moving into the building today. Pictured above are (left to right) G. Caldwell, VFW representative; L. Milton Isbell, executive secretary of the YMCA; and members of the Board of Managers, B. T. Whitney, Sam Levy, and Dr. Kollin R. Smith.—(Herald photo).

YMCA Moves To New Home

The YMCA is moving in today! With reams of proposed activities in the making, the Torrance YMCA will pick up its gear this morning at 1103 Sartori street and Arlington avenue.

First big event in the new building will be staged tomorrow night, Friday April 6, when some 200 boys step up to receive awards for completing the YMCA-Lions Club Learn-to-Swim course given during Easter vacation. Movies and a program have been arranged for the boys and their parents.

Under way at the moment is a campaign to enlist the services of volunteer workers who will help repaint and refurbish the former veterans' center.

The YMCA recently purchased the building from the VFW, who turned the structure over to the "Y" for a fraction of its original cost.



MRS. GRACE WRIGHT
TEAC Moderator Honored

Homeowners To Select Officers

Scheduled to have met last night at 8 p.m. was a group of homeowners living in the Pacific Hills new home tract who were to consider the election of officers to head a homeowner's association for the area.

Paul G. White, acting chairman of the group, said the association will follow the pattern of the association of the Seaside Homeowners' group which has operated so effectively for the past four years.

The group is to meet in the elementary school auditorium.

Any property owner in the subdivision is invited to attend the meeting, White said. To be considered also is a set of by-laws for the proposed organization.

School Group Honors Local Board Member

Mrs. Grace Wright, member of the Torrance Board of Education and moderator of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, was elected president of the South Bay Trustees Association at a meeting of the group on March 29th in Manhattan Beach.

School districts comprising the Trustees Association include Torrance, South Bay High School, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Palos Verdes.

Vice-presidents chosen were Wiley Peterson, superintendent of Hermosa Beach School District, and Bob McCandless, superintendent of Redondo Beach High School.

Adult Evening School

San Pedro Evening Adult School will start its fourth and last quarter of the current school year next Monday, according to Principal Glenn N. Gardner.

LOSE A TOOTH?

A gold encrusted tooth, like those worn by members of the Elk's Club, was found last week on the sidewalk near the Grand Theater. Owner may claim the tooth by contacting W. E. Kalbfleisch, local attorney, at Torrance 2097.

Right Into Hospital:

Lives of School Chums Follow Same Pattern

In the Torrance Memorial Hospital this week are two next door neighbors, both 18 years of age, both graduates of Torrance High School in 1950, both in the same room and both confined to the hospital for the same reason.

They both gave birth to new sons and both on Tuesday. Leading nearly parallel lives are Mrs. Mona (nee Henry) Norris, 2142 1/2 West 238th Street, and Mrs. Joan (nee Davis) Davis (that's right, she married a Davis) of 2144 West 238th Street.

Timothy Allen Davis, whose father is Pvt. Marvin Davis, stationed at Camp Roberts, arrived at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, weighing six pounds, 14 ounces. The Norris infant, Donald Allen, arrived at 12:00 a.m., weighing seven pounds, nine ounces. Daddy, Frank Norris, is employed at the National Home Appliances Company.



MRS. FRANK NORRIS AND MRS. MARVIN DAVIS
... They're Right Neighborly These Two



SOUND SLUMBER . . . Charles Edward Cooke, Los Angeles consulting psychologist, tells A. W. Clinkscale, in a hypnotic trance, the cigarette he is holding is a rope pulling his hand toward his chin. Clinkscale was one of three volunteers who were hypnotized by Cooke who presented a demonstration before members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club Monday night.—(Herald photo).

Reporter Describes Hypnotic Experience

by JACK O. BALDWIN

Being hypnotized was a far different experience than I had anticipated.

Actually I had expected I would feel as though I had consumed two triple Martinis with a hypodermic needle loaded with pentothal for a toothpick and a phenobarbital pill for an olive.

In reality when Charles Edward Cooke, a consulting psychologist, dropped a few suggestions my way at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club Monday night, the experience was not too much unlike one I had felt before. Perhaps many readers have experienced a similar feeling. Have you ever awakened early in the morning, the alarm clock clattering on the night stand, your eyelids seemingly glued together, the house as chilly as the outdoors, and the bed as warm as toast? You'd give anything if you just didn't have to get up. Then suddenly, much to your pleasure, you remember this is Sunday morning. Ever have that happen?

OPINION CONFIRMED

This probably confirms an opinion held by many that only a weak mind can be hypnotized. Such may be the case with me, but I hardly think it was so with two others who volunteered to be subjects for Cooke's Monday evening demonstration.

EFFECT DEMONSTRATED

Kuddlemeier, normally a socially correct and well-mannered high school athlete, demonstrated the effect of a post-hypnotic suggestion. After coming out of his induced slumber he suddenly and for no apparent reason snatched the cigarette from the speaker's lips and ground it out in an ash tray on the table. He had been told to do this while he was in the trance. He could not remember having been told to do this and he couldn't remember because he was told he wouldn't remember.

During my experience in the half-conscious, half-unconscious world I sort of cheated a mite. Cooke was telling Kuddlemeier his eyelids were getting heavy, so heavy, in fact, he could not keep them open. I was listening intently, too intently and I went to sleep.

EYELIDS DROOP

I could hear the members of the club sitting a few feet in front of me whispering about how my eyelids were drooping. I was conscious of all this but still unable to open my eyes until Cooke told Kuddlemeier he could open his.

It was a unique experience. Cooke became interested in psychology while in Ireland with the Lockheed Overseas Corporation and returned to the U. S. to study at the University of Illinois and at Fremont University. He frequently lectures to doctor and dentist groups to demonstrate how hypnosis can be used to overcome fear and pain in patients. The Los Angeles practitioner was introduced by Dr. J. H. Hull, who was in charge of the program for the evening.

Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

With the end of the third quarter right around the corner and time for those dreaded report cards again, Torrance High is bustling with activity. Textbooks are being dusted off and studied again, and the midnight oil has been burning for many, but in spite of all that, there are many activities.

Nine very lucky seniors have been given Certificates of Award, presented annually by the Bank of America for outstanding students. Erwin Kaeten was the winner in the English department; Barbara Jackson in social studies; Martha Dunn, foreign languages; Hal Laudeman, art department; Donna Friedman, mathematics; Elaine Rehwoldt, music; Tom Pryor, science; Pat Eads, commercial; and Jerry Downing, trade and industry.

Engraved cup awards will be received by Elaine Rehwoldt.



REHWOLDT DOWNING JACKSON
... Hard Study Pays Off

fine arts; Barbara Jackson, liberal arts; Jerry Downing, vocational arts in the general field. All of these cup winners will compete for the honor of going to the zone contest in Whittier May 4. Then 28 finalists from Southern California will meet at Pasadena for the final contest, where prizes will be presented.

Preparations to qualify for the Bank of America Achievement awards starts from the 10th grade and continues to the 12th. You must have had six semesters in one certain field.

The Student Council is busy revising the budget and making out a new one for next year's student body. They have also been studying the Constitution and took a test on it last week.

The Future Business Leaders of America are responsible for a very fine display in the show case in the main hall. They have letters and notebooks that they have typed, magazines and books on typing and English, the Future Business Leaders of America's historians book, and many other interesting things.

The track team is having a meet with Excelsior at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow on their field. On April 12 they are competing in the Inglewood Relays. The field events start at 2:30 on their field.

There will be a Torrance-Redondo baseball game at the Torrance ball park here tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. These night games are really fun to go to. Today the varsity baseball team plays Beverly Hills there at 3 o'clock. The Junior varsity plays at Beverly Hills here.

CAP Invites Girls and Boys to Become Cadets

Openings for cadets, both boys and girls, still exist in the Civil Air Patrol now training at Torrance Municipal Airport, according to Elmer Azpeltia, commandant of cadets.

Those eligible to enroll as cadets must be between the ages of 15 and 18 years.

Cadets will receive instruction in meteorology, communications and navigation. Azpeltia said. Proper proficiency in these subjects will qualify the student for the written examinations required for a private pilot license.

The CAP meets each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 12:30 at the Torrance Municipal Airport. Those cadets enrolling will be expected to purchase their own uniforms. The cost is approximately \$10.

Still needed to round out the services of the CAP are a volunteer doctor, a certified public accountant and a photographer.

Widmark On Air Show

Screen star Richard Widmark will be heard in F. Scott Fitzgerald's "This Side of Paradise" on the Sunday evening broadcast of "Theatre Guild on the Air" over NBC at 5:30.

WOULD DISBAR LAWYERS

Legislation backed by the State Bar of California to specify as grounds for suspension or disbarment of attorneys "the advocating of the overthrow of government by force or violence" this week passed the Assembly without a dissenting vote.

Stadium to Run Academy Award Winner Again

Coming back for a two-day run at the Stadium Theater next Wednesday and Thursday is the Academy Award winning picture, "All About Eve." Nominated for 14 Academy Awards, the No. 1 picture of 1950 brought an Oscar to George Sanders as the best performance in supporting roles, two Oscars to Director Joseph Mankiewicz, one to Thomas T. Moulton for the sound recording, and one to Edith Head and Charles LeMaire for costume designing.

Manager Jack Dabbs of the Stadium Theater said he is bringing back the picture which captured the five Oscars last week by popular demand of local movie fans.

Regular admission prices will be in effect for the showing.