

TORRANCE BUILDING BOOMS AS NEW HOUSES, INDUSTRIES SET RECORD

Building Pace Hits New High Every Day

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Torrance's building boom, shown graphically on this page, continued to climb above record-breaking levels this week as it neared the stratospheric \$20,000,000 mark for 1953.

As reported in Sunday's Torrance Herald, the city's all-time building record fell on Aug. 20 when permits for 84 new Ellinwood homes boosted the yearly total to more than \$19,000,000.

The previous record was set last year when the annual total soared to \$18,266,750.

With four months to go in 1953, officials are predicting that this year's record should reach at least \$25,000,000.

Shown here are housing developments, schools, industries, and other building throughout the city which is under way or has been completed recently. In nearly every section of the city these scenes are duplicated.

Thousands Built

Thousands of houses have been built in Torrance during the past three years, and acres of open land still remain to be developed.

Industrial growth has been greater in Torrance during 1953 than during any recent year. High on the list of industrial growth is the new \$36,000,000 plant of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co. which has been started near the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and Dell Amo Blvd.

Also contributing greatly to the phenomenal growth of the city during 1953 is the rapid expansion of the school system. Two completely new elementary schools—the Evelyn Carr School and the Howard A. Wood School—have been under construction for several months, and new classroom wings have been added to several of the other schools.

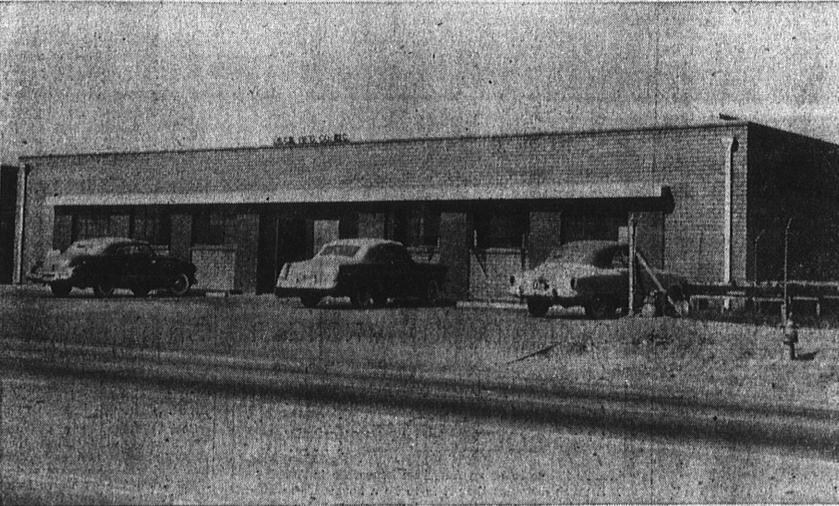
Huge Plans

Plans for the huge 2000-home development west of Hawthorne Ave. are continuing and engineering details have been worked out, according to city officials.

Torrance's building boom is here, and it appears that it is going to stay for a while.



QUIET STREETS . . . The builders have moved on, but the street isn't the busy scene it will be in a few weeks when families fill the houses along both sides. This North Torrance development was finished a few weeks ago.



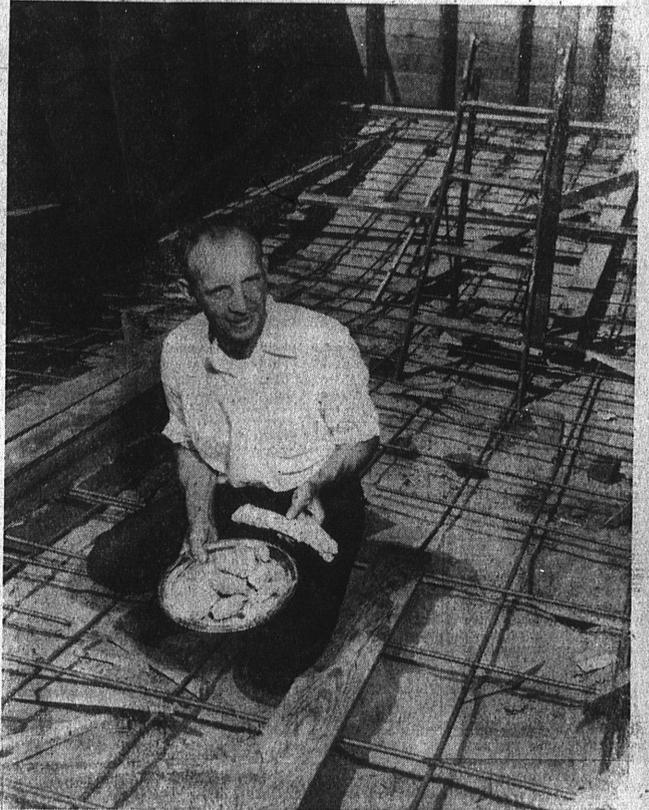
NEW INDUSTRIES . . . Recently completed on Western Ave. were the first two of several proposed manufacturing buildings at 220th St. to be completed. This one has been occupied already. Other buildings will be built to tenants' specifications.



SCHOOLS, TOO . . . Contributing to the record-smashing building pace in Torrance this year have been the construction of new elementary schools. Here workmen rush to complete part of the new Evelyn Carr School in North Torrance in time for the fall semester.



ACRES OF HOUSES . . . Scenes like this have been repeated throughout Torrance for the past half a dozen years. Here carpenters and other construction experts work feverishly to complete houses before the winter rains hit.



BUILDING FOR PLEASURE . . . Among the thousands of building permits issued so far this year by the city were a . . . that wound up for this type of construction. Know what it is? It's a swimming pool.



ONE OF SEVERAL . . . To keep the autos of incoming families running, service stations are springing up on corners all over town. Here is one that should be ready for business sometime in September.



FINISHING TOUCHES . . . Painters put the finishing touch to a new two-story house in North Torrance while others in the block await roofers and carpenters. Some houses in this general vicinity have been taken over by the state as they lie on the proposed Sepulveda Freeway route.

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