

# 1950 CITY CENSUS DOUBLED IN NEW COUNT—NOW 44,902

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### High Wind Causes Widespread Damage

High winds which lashed the area Tuesday evening and yesterday were slated to subside today and the weatherman was looking for a little rain by the weekend.

Winds which reached velocities of 30 to 40 miles per hour with gusts going over 60 toppled trees, blew large branches down, and caused a generally widespread but minor damage throughout the area.

An Edison Co. official said the firm's crews were pulled off construction jobs at noon on Tuesday and sent out on trouble calls.

The winds lashed through the oil fields, ripping guy wires and knocking over power lines, but only minor damage was reported.

Police recorded a number of calls during an hour of the heaviest blowing Tuesday evening. Among the calls were reports that the rear door of Lawson's Jewelers had blown open, setting off the burglar alarm; trees down in the 2300 block of Torrance Blvd. and at Plaza del Amo and Border Ave.; the wind set off the burglar alarm at Fish Shanty in Waleria, and blew over part of the wooden fence around the Pacific Electric Shops here.

Officials at the Torrance Municipal Airport say that no damage was indicated there during the blow.

### Injured Boy Enters Second Week in Coma

Jay Crew, 6, entered his second week in a semi-coma yesterday at Harbor General Hospital after being struck by a car on Nov. 10.

Hospital spokesmen said that the boy has not yet regained enough consciousness to recognize anyone, and is in a critical condition.

Jay was struck by a car near his home, 4808 Sepulveda, as he dashed across the street. The driver, Aon Roger Koozts, of Manhattan Beach, was cited for failure to wear corrective lenses in his glasses under the provisions of a restricted license, and for driving a vehicle that was in an unsafe condition.

### Perry After School Play Big Success

Over 1100 children participated in the experimental after-school recreation program at Perry School during October, according to Harry Van Bellehem, city recreation director, and the program will be expanded in spring.

Because of winter and early darkness, the program will be shortened to from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Perry School Mondays through Fridays, Bob Blevins, recreation director at the school said.

"It may be necessary to discontinue the after-school program entirely during the winter," Blevins said. "We want to find out what reception we get to the shorter hours first," he added.

In answer to many requests Blevins has announced the opening of a new recreation program on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Van Bellehem asked parents not to send their children to the recreation program during rainy days, since it will not be conducted when the ground is muddy.

### Driver Held After Three-Car Collision

Still reported in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital is Mrs. Jane Lewin, 33, of 4603 Moresby Dr., who was one of four persons injured in a three-car collision here Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lewin, who suffered severe head injuries in the crash, was reported "improving but still critical" by hospital attendants yesterday.

Facing charges of negligent drunk driving, a felony, as a result of the crash is David Boyd Lane, 33, of 1521 W. Carson St.

### Chamber Holding New Membership Drive This Week

The annual membership drive of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce got under way this week and the first day report showed four new members had been signed, according to Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the group.

The all-member drive to enlist new members is being aided by Torrance service clubs who are soliciting members, according to Isenberg.

The drive is expected to net the booster group about 100 new members, the secretary said. The first four to sign up in the drive included M & M Trucking, Torrance Heating and Plumbing, Torrance Roller Bowl, and the Palms restaurant.

Bids for purchase of the facilities from the government will be received between Nov. 25 and May 27, 1954, it was announced.

### Funeral Rites Here Today for Suicide Victim

Funeral services will be held here at 10 a.m. today for Mrs. Lola Ruth Webb, 45, divorced wife of City Electrician Joe Webb, who took her life with a gun Sunday afternoon.

An employee of National Supply Co., Mrs. Webb had been living at 1910 Plaza del Amo, where she was found by neighbors Sunday who investigated the sound of gunfire in the home.

Rev. C. M. Northrup will conduct the services this morning at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Cremation will follow at Inglewood Crematory.



HAPPY NEWS... City Manager George Stevens (seated) registers a happy expression when shown the final unofficial census tabulation just compiled by Special Census Supervisor Vernon L. Miller (left). The figure was 44,902, more than twice the 1950 census total for the city. Looking over the City Manager's shoulder for his first peek at the new census figure is City Councilman Victor E. Benstead. (Herald photo)

### Guard to Honor Cecil R. King

Congressman and Mrs. Cecil R. King will be the honor guests Saturday night at the annual gathering of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the Second Battalion of the California National Guard Reserve according to an announcement by Lt. Col. Robert L. Lewellen, commanding officer.

The affair, which includes all officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of the group will be held at the home of Col. Lewellen, 1307 Madrid Ave.

### Officials Elated Over Census Tally

Torrance's population has doubled since the 1950 Federal Census.

Final unofficial tabulations of the special census just completed give Torrance a population of 44,902 as of Nov. 4, 1953. The 1950 census showed the city population to be 22,241.

Special Census Supervisor Vernon L. Miller announced the figure yesterday as he mailed the books to the Federal Census Bureau for final tabulation.

City Manager George Stevens was elated with the result. "This is better than anything we ever hoped for," Stevens said.

The new census figure represents a gain of more than 100 per cent since the April, 1950, census and a 41 per cent gain over the January, 1952, count.

Added Money  
The new census figure will mean more than \$100,000 to Torrance during the fiscal year of 1954-55, Stevens said. And, for the balance of the 1953-54 fiscal year which ends next June 30, the city should receive an additional \$50,000 in state funds which are distributed on a basis of population.

"The figures bear out the facts of tremendous growth in Torrance," Stevens said. "You go along telling people how the city is growing, but it takes something like this to emphasize it," he added.

School Superintendent J. H. Hull showed little surprise at the figure, saying school officials had already put the estimate pretty close to that for their work.

"We will be interested to know how many pre-school age children turned up in the survey," however," Dr. Hull said. He indicated that the school district would take steps to obtain that figure as soon as possible.

Predicted 45,000  
Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was a little disappointed—by 98 persons. He had been holding out for 45,000.

"I'm very pleased with the results of the census," Isenberg said yesterday.

"This new population figure of nearly 45,000 should be an incentive for new industries looking for sites in Southern California," he said. "Industry is always interested in sources of manpower."

Count Through  
City Manager Stevens was pleased with the thoroughness of the nose count and said he thought Miller "did a wonderful job of census taking." Stevens echoed Miller's earlier statement that the enumerators did a very thorough job in the special count during the past two weeks.

Certification of the special census is expected by Dec. 9. The reports compiled by Miller and his staff here are being shipped

### Special Music Arranged for Mendez Concert

A special arrangement of Rossini's "La Gazza Ladra" overture by Lucien Cailliet, one of America's leading arrangers, will be featured at the first of a series of concerts by Rafael Mendez, "The World's Greatest Trumpeter," and the Torrance Area Youth Band at the Civic Auditorium Nov. 30.

James Van Dyck, conductor of the youth band, commissioned Cailliet to arrange the number for the band. Other numbers on the program include the "Red Cavalry March" and "Cowboy Rhapsody," by Morton Gould; "Legend," by Paul Creston; and Friedman's "Second Slavonic Rhapsody."

The Torrance concert will lead off a series of presentations by the Youth Band with Mendez as guest soloist. From here, the group will travel to Redondo Beach, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Compton, and Inglewood for concerts, Van Dyck said. Admission is \$1.25.

Mendez will play an entirely different group of numbers than those that he presented in the concert held here last spring, Van Dyck said.

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NEW BANK... The Bank of America will open the doors of its new building at Post and Sartori Aves. tomorrow night at a public open house to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Manager Dean L. Sears said this week. The present bank building will close at 5 p.m. tomorrow and business will begin in the new bank on Monday morning.

### Open House at New Bank Scheduled Friday Night

People of this area will get a preview of Bank of America's new Torrance branch tomorrow night when a public open house is held in the modern-design quarters at the corner of Sartori and Post avenues. From 7 p.m. to 9, the building will be open for public inspection. The bank's entire staff is on hand to take visitors on a complete tour of the main floor and mezzanine. Refreshments will be served to all visitors, and there will be baby orchids from Hazel for the ladies, Manager Dean L. Sears said yesterday. "We want everyone to come and see what their patronage has enabled us to do here. We want people to know, too, what the bank thinks of the future of this area. Our new bank is more than twice as large as the old quarters, has 21 teller's windows instead of our present 14, the public lobby is doubled in size, the parking lot is much larger, and all other features have been similarly expanded.

"A completely new feature is the night depository, for the use of merchants who wish to make deposits after banking hours and over week-ends.

"I think the ladies especially are going to like the interior color scheme of the new building. It has been done in warm rose and sage green. The exterior is mainly in a shade the decorators called 'ashes of roses.' These modern colors are quite different from the way banks used to be done, in marble and dark panels. The front of the building features the modern trend toward much glass and white metal. There are so many beautiful things about the whole building that the whole staff and I are looking forward with great pleasure to showing it off and maybe bragging a little about it."

Banking service in the old quarters will end at 5 o'clock tomorrow and will begin in the new quarters Monday morning.



A COUPLE OF SONG AND DANCE GIRLS... Norma Quine, left, and Eileen Dowling rehearse the song "A Little Girl from Little Rock," from "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," which they will present at the annual Torrance High School Variety Show "Blackouts on Review." The show will be staged in an afternoon performance on Dec. 3 and an evening performance on Dec. 4 in the school auditorium. Von Waltz Hershey is the faculty director of the show.