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# Torrance Property Values Jump \$15 Million in Year

## Third In Volume Increase

Assessed property valuations in Torrance took a healthy jump during the past year, according to official figures announced here Friday by County Assessor John R. Quinn.

Torrance led all but Los Angeles and Long Beach in volume of increase during the year as it recorded a jump of \$15,174,870 over last year's total. The 1954 figure released by Quinn puts Torrance valuation at \$76,488,250. Last year's final total was \$61,313,410.

These figures do not include public utility valuations, Quinn emphasized, and do not show any deductions to be made by the Board of Supervisors now sitting in equalization hearings.

Torrance Moves Up  
The phenomenal growth registered in Torrance during the past 12 months places it ninth in the County in valuation. It passed the cities of Alhambra and El Segundo during the year.

Other cities ahead of Torrance include in order: Los Angeles, Long Beach, Burbank, Vernon, Pasadena, Glendale, Santa Monica, and Beverly Hills.

Growth registered by Los Angeles and Long Beach eclipsed Torrance for volume. So did the growth of Lakewood, too, which zoomed from nothing last year to \$32 million this year.

Manhattan Beach led the South Bay growth with an increase of \$4 million to put its total over the \$20-million mark.

Hermosa added \$777,700, Redondo added \$1.7 million, and Palos Verdes added \$1.2 million.

Similar Gains  
Other cities in the area showed similar gains.

Gardena registered a \$4 million increase, Inglewood \$2.9 million, Compton \$1 million, and Hawthorne \$1.7 million.

One city in the county showed a decrease—South Pasadena. Quinn's figures indicated that South Pasadena values dropped more than \$100,000 during the year.

Growth in the Southland generally will be credited to the construction of new homes, industrial plants, and stores.

More to Come  
Torrance officials look for no slackening of the pace here during the next year.

Large expenditures locally which will be reflected in next year's valuations will include the Harbor and Carbide Chemicals Co. plant on Hawthorne and Del Amo, the new Bethlehem Steel there under the tutelage of Coaches Dave McNary and Frank Prindle. And they're mighty proud of him.

## City Chairmen for Chest Drive Revealed

Six of the seven cities in the Harbor Community Chest area have their top leadership for the 1954-55 Community Chest campaign. It was announced this week by Harbor Area Chairman Tommy Thompson.

The new city chairman to lead the Harbor Area's family of cities are: Rodney F. Smith, Rolling Hills, Mrs. Helen Rounsaville, Palos Verdes; Jay Albert Robinson, San Pedro; Al Fitch, Gardena; Mrs. E. L. Schwartz, Torrance; and Charles O. Rule, Wilmington. The city chairman for Long Beach and Harbor City will be released at a later date, according to Thompson.

Thompson also released the name of his top aide, George Bradbeer, who will act as area vice



HERO . . . George Leisey, 7, reenacts the dramatic rescue of his little sister, Barbara, 4, who sank to the bottom of a pool and would have drowned had not her brother leaped in and saved her. The accident occurred in Santa Barbara last week while the children's parents were visiting. George learned his swimming at the Hollywood Riviera Club.

## Small Hero, 7, Saves Sister, 4, From Water

George Leisey is just an average sized seven-year-old boy but he's a mighty big man in the eyes of his sister Barbara, 4.

Because Barbara owes her life to the heroism of her brother, the children, whose mother is Adele Davis, noted author of many books on nutrition, were visiting Santa Barbara last week and little Barbara was playing near a private swimming pool, under the supervision of a governess.

The governess left for a moment and when she came back, Barbara was at the bottom of the pool. The governess screamed, George heard her and ran out of the house, leaped into the pool and pulled his sister to safety.

George, who lives at 3821 Palos Verdes Drive North, with his family, is a member of the Hollywood Riviera Club junior swim team and learned his swimming there under the tutelage of Coaches Dave McNary and Frank Prindle. And they're mighty proud of him.

## RIVIERANS FORM NEW DEMO CLUB

Organization of the Hollywood Riviera Democratic Club last Tuesday night brings to 11 the number of Democratic clubs in the 46th Assembly District and to 21 in the 17th Congressional District.

The newly-formed group elected Dr. Roy Sanderson as president; Mrs. Oscar Lundstrom, vice-president; Mrs. Ralph Owens, secretary, and Jack Farber, treasurer.

After adoption of the constitution and by-laws, one of the first items on the agenda was planning of a neighborhood breakfast to be held soon at El Retiro Park. Jerry Yablonska was appointed chairman of the get-together.

Named to head the membership committee was Mrs. Lewis Carrao.

## Accountants Elect Fred Mill

Election of Fred W. Mill, division controller and assistant secretary of the National Supply Co., as president of the Los Angeles Control of the Controllers Institute of America, was announced here this week.

A resident of 1525 Via Monte-

mar in Palos Verdes Estates, Mill is known throughout the area for his work with numerous accounting and business associations. He has long been prominent in affairs of the Controllers Institute of America.

In addition to Mill, the group named Rudolph Ostengraard, vice-president of the California Bank, to be vice-president; Wilbur R. Anderson of Bekins as secretary; and Elton G. George of Forest Lawn as treasurer.

Directors include William F. Ashton of Bullocks; John C. C. Byrne of Grayson Controls; Arthur L. Cablex of Pabst and T. G. Hawkins of the Garrett Corp.

Mrs. Ralph Dolson, 4112 W. 173rd St., was singing those washday blues Thursday, but not for the usual reason. She reported to Torrance police that someone had stolen three white shirts, six T-shirts and six pairs of shorts from her washline.

## Recreation Program Draws 60,000 in First 2 Weeks

More than 60,000 children and adults were attracted to Torrance Parks and Playgrounds during the first two weeks of the Summer Recreation program, according to Harry Van Bellehem, city recreation director.

During the second week, 35,634 persons thronged to parks and playgrounds and more than 30,000 attended during the first week. This total does not include the many picnickers or others who visited the parks, but only those who actually participated in the recreation programs.

Craft Classes Crowded  
There are 8,763 children enrolled in craft classes, sports programs and other phases of the organized program, Van Bellehem stated, and a great number of the children just visited the parks to play.

Attendance on the eight school playgrounds that are open this summer was 12,773 and these playgrounds run only from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week. When summer school is over at the end of July—the playgrounds will remain open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Areas where recreation programs are being carried on this summer are Torrance City Park, McMaster, El Retiro, and Waverly, Seaside, Hollywood-Riviera and Fern Ave. schools and Torrance High School.

Activities Vary  
Activities sponsored in the areas include programs of hand-crafts, softball, basketball, talent shows, story-telling, community sings, movies, track meets and many others. The city-wide sports program includes an adult softball league, two six-pitch leagues, a teen-age girls'

Use of Radar 'Speed Traps' Not Allowed  
Autoists who use 174th St. can banish fears about radar "speed traps" along the newly opened highway during the Division of Highways' speed checks, conducted recently.

The State Motor Vehicle Code forbids the use of radar devices in making arrests or in collecting evidence to use against speeders.

The Division of Highways engineers were using radar eyes to determine what would be a "realistic" speed limit on the newly opened portion of 174th St. through Torrance. Their findings were forwarded to Sacramento with recommendations for posting of speed limits.

The radar eyes are set up at specified distances apart and clock the time it takes a car to pass between them. These "speed traps" are used in many Eastern states to make arrests and obtain evidence against speeders—but not in California.

Board Delays Decision on Liquor Store  
The State Board of Equalization has again postponed action on the application of Sam H. Shapell for a liquor license at 16544 Crenshaw Blvd.

Protests that the proposed license would be too close to El Camino Junior College have been received by the board. The next meeting of the board will be July 22.

## Kids Treat Pals With Cash Taken From Man's Home

Teen-agers in Walteria got plenty of free malts, hamburgers, popcorn and candy, and two 14-year-olds got guns and air pistols this week, all at the expense of George Zimera, 24421 Ward St.

But Zimera wasn't too happy about the matter. Earlier in the week, he had reported the theft of \$300 from a dresser drawer in his home. Police apprehended the two 14-year-olds, who admitted taking \$120, entering through the back door of the house.

The pair said that they had spent all the money buying the guns for themselves and treating their friends to the foods teen-agers like to eat. The two boys were turned over to juvenile authorities for action.

## TWO TOOL FIRMS SET TO BUILD

Two industrial leases for the Torrance Municipal Airport have been completed and construction of buildings is expected to start immediately on at least one, it was revealed here yesterday by Realtor Bob Haggard, who represented both firms in the lease negotiations.

First to start construction will be Sheridan-Gray Corp., who will start immediately on a 10,000 square foot building which will furnish employment to about 50 or 75 persons when completed in the fall.

Slated for construction in the near future is a building covering 100,000 square feet which will be occupied by Hi-Shear Rivet and Bolt Co., now located near Los Angeles International Airport.

To Employ 500  
The Hi-Shear company will employ between 300 and 500 persons when its operations have been transferred to the local airport, Haggard told the Herald.

Leases of the city-owned property to the two firms has been cleared by the Council effective July 1, and the two companies have agreed to the terms of the lease, Haggard said.

Both leases have been drawn for the maximum duration of 50 years which is allowable under provision of a new law put through the state legislature this year by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

## Glenn Pfeil Joining Torrance Herald Staff

THE HERALD'S staff will be augmented this week with the arrival from Chicago of Glenn W. Pfeil who will become general manager. Mrs. Pfeil will follow within the next month with the couple's three children.

Pfeil, who is only 35, has had an unusually successful newspaper career which has encompassed positions on daily and weekly papers in both editorial and business departments. He is vice-president of Greater American Weeklies and until recently was "reading" director of Star Publications in Illinois.

## WEATHER

Another sunny Sunday is predicted for today by the Weather Bureau, which forecasts low clouds and fog early this morning but clearing this afternoon with little change in temperature and a high of around 72 at the beaches, 83 downtown.

## Prizes for Pets Make Kids Happy

At least 23 of the more than 300 youngsters who attended the Torrance Recreation Department's citywide Pet Show Friday went home smiling.

Their pets, of the 78 entered, won prizes at the contest in the Torrance Park bandshell. Winners from local playgrounds entered their pets in the city competition.

Gwen Hull's alligator took first prize as most unusual pet, while Jim Thistle's pony was judged the largest animal. Judges of the contest were Doris Avis, girls' sports director; Betty Sharpe, crafts director, and Mrs. Powell, a parent, taken from the crowd. The master of ceremonies was Luis Bereskin, drama director. Barbara Billings, director of girls and women's activities, and Tony Gallo, supervisor of special events, were in charge of the planning.

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There she found her husband, hanging by an electric extension cord. He had been dead for some time when found late Wednesday, Torrance police said.

In Ill Health  
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CLOCK STOPPER . . . He's not exactly the Clark Gable of the dog set, but "Captain," pet bulldog of Billy and Jimmy Walsh, showed he has real talent Friday by taking second place in the "largest pet" category at the Recreation Pet show. Billy, 5, left, is busy watching pets parade, above, while Jimmy, 7, is all smiles. "Captain" is in the middle. The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walsh of 3745 W. 190th St.

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