

# COUNCIL BRIEFS City Does 65 Per Cent of South Bay Area Building

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aries of an assessment district and set out those properties it is interested in purchasing. Councilmen generally agreed that the motion was premature—that bids on parking meters should come first.

Mrs. Anthony Bilotti asked the Council to consider erection of stop signs at 18th St. and Falca Ave. Matter referred to traffic committee.

Mrs. Bilotti inquired about status of request to repair chuckhole at intersection of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Thornburg. City Manager Stevens said he would check matter with Street Department.

City Engineer Ronald Bishop

## Bathing Beauty Winners Chosen

A bathing beauty contest was held at Torrance Park Friday to select the boy and girl to represent the park at the annual Torrance Bathing Beauty Contest conducted by the Torrance Recreation Department as a part of the Kiwanis swim classes at Alondra Park.

The contest, which is limited to boys and girls 12 years of age and under, is open to all the boys and girls of the city of Torrance who are enrolled in the Learn-to-Swim program.

The winners of the various events at the Torrance Park Beauty Contest were the following:

Fairest Blond Girl and Boy—Girls: first, Judy Braker, 8; second, Mary Tolo, 9; third, Joyce Braker. Boys: first, David Braker, 7; second, Marc Tolo, 6; third, John Wilson, 9.

Fairest Brunette Girl and Boy—Girls: first, Jane Welch, 2½; second, Susan Meyers, 8; third, Feliza Repley, 5. Boys: first, John Jacobsen, 9; David Elliott, 2.

Fairest Red-haired Girl and Boy—Girls: Winnette Baker, 6; Boys: Martin Baker, 2½.

Child With Most Freckles — Girl: Winnette Baker. Boys: Martin Baker.

Child With Most Sun Tan — Girls: first, Ann Casetta; second, Sherrell Edelen. Boys: third, John Wilson.

Child With Broadest Smile — Girls: first, Char Malee Welch; boys: second, Marc Tolo.

**LAW VIOLATORS**  
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reported that plans for clearing of Ashley Ave. half-street project were nearly complete and that final plans could be ready for bidding in a short while.

E. S. Schoonover of Pacific Hills reported that three homes in the Weston Hills area were still in need of work by developer. City Engineer Bishop reported that he and a representative of the builder had visited the three homes within the week and that a satisfactory agreement had been reached in each case.

Schoonover requested information on planting of trees in Tract 1744. City Engineer reported that developer had been notified by letter that his bond would be withheld until the trees had been planted.

Schoonover requested information from the Torrance Sand and Gravel pit had been headed into property in the Pacific Hills area. City Engineer instructed to check the complaint.

Mayor Drale and Councilman Blount moved and seconded that City Manager George Stevens be authorized to call for bids on parking meters. Motion carried.

After authorizing payment of bills properly audited, Council moved to adjourn meeting until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11.

# City Does 65 Per Cent of South Bay Area Building

Torrance's booming building program gave the city about 65 per cent of the total value of building permits issued so far this year in the South Bay area, compared with about 53 per cent last year, according to figures compiled by the city.

The city ran far ahead of the four other towns in the area—Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach. With \$20,313,184 in permits issued, Torrance claimed the lion's share of the \$31,355,353 in the South Bay area.

Only Palos Verdes and Torrance had an overall increase for the year, and only Redondo Beach and Torrance had more permits in July than during the same month last year.

With building up \$2,908,586 so far this year, Torrance brought up the total for the area as a whole. Otherwise the area would have shown a deficit. The net result was that the area showed a \$586,207 increase.

**Totals Doubled**  
During July building totals in Torrance nearly doubled those of a year ago, and made up the deficit incurred by the other cities. Torrance building jumped \$1,591,199, while the area, including Torrance, gained only \$755,134.

	so far	same period	July	July
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Torrance	\$20,313,184	\$16,404,598	\$3,279,089	\$1,687,840
Palos Verdes	3,594,750	2,573,950	478,910	629,950
Manhattan Beach	3,136,744	4,360,857	485,204	1,208,266
Redondo Beach	2,582,717	5,414,232	676,002	583,224
Hermosa Beach	1,727,949	2,016,809	114,828	169,664
Total	\$31,355,353	\$30,770,146	\$5,034,078	\$4,278,944

## Norteen Delegates To Youth Confab Return With New Ideas

Recent guests at the three-day conference of the Southern California Youth Association at Idyllwild Pines were eight members of the Torrance Recreation Department-sponsored Norteen Youth Club.

The Norteens, recently organized, attended the conference in search of better ways of making their club "tick." They returned home enthusiastic about the opportunity of discussing club problems with other youths from as far away as Visalia to the north and Ocean Beach to the south. Topics chosen, led and discussed by youth also covered personal, youth-center subjects.

Norteen members and the topics they reported on to their club were as follows: Judy Breitenfeldt, "Are You a

der the heading "A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed," Pat Webb discussed how to help a newcomer feel at home in a club or community.

Donna Maier's talk on the youth's part in community planning fell under the heading "Speak Up, Boy," and Terry Moore looked into the future—beyond graduation—under the heading "Bullets or Ballots?" Virginia Fazio told how to "Be a Sunday Contractor at Your (youth) Center," and Judy Mowry told of the necessity for the recognition of "Rules! Rules! Rules!"

**DRIVER RATIO**  
About 15 per cent of automobile drivers are responsible for 90 per cent of the accidents, according to research studies.

## Roof Fire Reported

A cigarette thrown on the roof caused a small fire at the home of Mrs. T. C. Creighton, of 1417 Madrid Ave., she reported to the Torrance Fire Department Monday. The fire was out when firemen arrived.

## Deer Prospects Good

Prospects are good for a record deer harvest when California's early deer season opens Saturday August 7 for a five-week run in coastal area counties from Mendocino south to Orange and western Riverside.

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