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### WEATHER

Raincoats will be in order today, as showers and little change in temperature is predicted. High will be about 70. High yesterday was 77; with low at 51.

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## Third of Goal Met By Gift

Doctors on the Torrance Memorial Hospital staff have pledged \$100,000 for the building fund campaign, it was announced here yesterday by Dr. Howard A. Wood, chairman of the building coordinating committee of the hospital medical staff.

The gift, which represents one-third of the fund goal set up for the hospital expansion program, was pledged unanimously by 24 of the 60-member staff at a meeting here Tuesday night.

Announcement of the pledge was made at a luncheon held yesterday for the campaign council of the building fund campaign.

## Hall Will Seek Elimination of Airport Clause

City Attorney James M. Hall will ask the federal government to eliminate a clause in the city's deed to the Torrance Municipal Airport by which the land could revert to federal control in a national emergency when he files to Washington, D. C. next week.

Hall said yesterday that he would ask the Civil Aeronautics Administration and other federal agencies to eliminate the provision, at least for part of the field.

The "reversion" clause is delaying development of a triangular piece of property north of Pacific Coast Hwy. and east of Crenshaw Blvd.

The City Council has granted an option to lease the property to the Goldwell-Banker Co., which is now drawing plans for area development, and will pay Hall's expenses on the trip.

The triangular tract is separated from the rest of the airport property by Crenshaw Blvd.

Constructed for use as an interceptor base during World War II, the airport was deeded to the city afterward, with the "reversion" clause included. The land formerly belonged to the Weston Ranch, which at one time covered much of South Torrance.

## Typewriter Stolen

A \$110 typewriter was stolen from her car as it was parked in front of her house, Mrs. C. J. Siegrist, of 1818 Faymuth Ave., reported to Torrance police Tuesday.



**HOT SHOT . . .** Pfc. Charles H. Bingham, son of Garner E. Bingham, of 23714 Allene St., recently won second place in automobile weapons firing held in Germany in ceremonies marking the 37th anniversary of the 4th Infantry Division. He entered the Army in July, 1953, and went overseas on December of same year.

## Housewife New TEAC Moderator

Mrs. W. C. Boswell, representative of the City Recreation Commission and housewife, was named moderator of the Torrance Educational Advisory Council at a Monday noon meeting.

As moderator, she will preside over the monthly meetings. W. A. "Dick" Felker, Red Cross representative, was named vice-moderator, while Stan Roberts, of the YMCA, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The physical education of Torrance High school was explained by Coach Cliff Greybehl, who declared that the main aims of the program are for health, character, and leisure time development.

**Each Boy Participates.** The high school tries to get every boy in the school in some sport. Emphasis is placed, he said, on softball, football, volleyball, and soccer, with additional training in other sports.

Emphasis in sports, he declared, is put on development of physical growth and strength, mental traits and characteristics, social graces, recreational capacity, and safety.

**Sportsmanship Important.** Sportsmanship and learning to be a "good spectator" are not unimportant parts of the program, he said.

Superintendent J. H. Hull said that many educators feel that more emphasis should be placed on health aspects of physical education.

Coaches often can get closer to boys than any other teachers, Greybehl said, and thus can help them with their problems.

Paton Marshall outlined the need for additions to Torrance Memorial Hospital before the group.



(Herald Photo)  
MRS. W. C. BOSWELL  
... New TEAC Head

## Commission Recommends Land Split

Splitting an 11-acre airport plot between the Mayflower Trailer Co. and the Precision Equipment Co. was recommended to the City Council Saturday by the Torrance Airport Commission.

The action was taken after the two firms and Buttress and McLellan had applied for a lease on the same piece of property. John Crain reported that he was not able to reach any agreement with the latter company.

The committee headed by Crain recommended that each company get half of the eleven acres with annual rent amounting to \$300 per acre per year.

**Trailer Plant Planned.** The Mayflower Trailer Co. had indicated that it would erect a corrugated iron building on the site to consolidate its trailer manufacturing plants in Lomita and San Pedro.

The Precision Instrument Co. had proposed a pre-cast concrete building to make small defense parts, but had asked for more land. If the company is not willing to accept the smaller portion, the commissioners indicated they would offer another site.

Kemp and Albright was given an option on a 250-foot frontage on Crenshaw Blvd., subject to a decision as to whether a 40-foot service road will be put in the vicinity.

**Station Proposed.** The firm had proposed to put up a service station, car wash and office building, with parking spaces for 30 cars on the property. The commissioners requested a set of definite plans for the development, and agreed that \$250 of the \$500 option should be applied on the first year's rent.

A request by Paul's Chevrolet for a lease to build a used car lot fronting on Crenshaw Blvd. was rejected because the commissioners felt it did not fit into the master plan.

Members agreed to consider a site on the west end of the field as a possible site for a Little League playing field. Discussion of the site will be held at the next meeting on Nov. 15.

## Jobless Show Slight Drop During Month

Unemployment in Torrance dropped slightly during October, Winona G. Ellis, manager of the local office of the Department of Employment said yesterday.

On Nov. 1, 899 persons—406 women and 493 men—were registered with the office, compared with 906 the previous month. Forty per cent of applicants are veterans.

The number of clerical and sales personnel seeking jobs increased, but the number of semi-skilled workers and laborers decreased somewhat. Skilled workers and laborers led the list of unemployed.

A complete breakdown of the jobless follows:

	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	Sept. 1
Professional	25	30	39
Clerical	104	141	137
Sales	43	25	52
Service	106	114	96
Agricultural	35	32	53
Skilled	150	179	208
Semi-skilled	166	190	225
Laborer	180	192	230
Total	899	906	1044

## Pianist To Open Concert Series

Gary Graffman, who will make his Los Angeles debut tonight with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Alfred Wallenstein, will open the Torrance Area Youth Band concert series here next Monday night in the Civic Auditorium.

Graffman, who is still in his mid-20s, will play the Sonata in E major by Mozart, Chopin's Sonata in B-flat minor, and Rachmaninoff's "Elgy" when he appears here with the Torrance Area Youth Band Monday.

The young pianist has a long string of keyboard credits dating back to a 10-year scholarship he won at the age of 8. He won the Rachmaninoff Fund Contest when he was 15, and in 1949 was the winner in the Leventritt contest in New York. He has been a soloist with major symphony orchestras in the East during the past several seasons.

The appearance of Graffman here Monday evening marks the first in a series of four concerts scheduled for this winter by the Torrance Area Youth Band, according to W. H. Bowen, president of the organization.

Soprano Leontyne Price will appear Feb. 12; Violist Camilla Wicks April 21, and the band will be featured in an Anniversary concert on May 24. Winners of the band's scholarship contest will be featured at this concert.

Admission to the concert will be limited to Season Ticket holders, Bowen said. A limited number of tickets are still available at the band's general headquarters at 1327 Post Ave. he said.

## Oooo MY ACHIN' BACK



**YOU'D BE TIRED TOO . . .** An expression of weariness crosses the muzzle of Laina von Wolfgang as her puppies seek their breakfast. The silver-gray Weimaraner, a hunting dog imported from Germany after the last war, recently

gave birth to 13 pups. The 13-day old female pups will bring \$100 apiece, and the males \$150 apiece to Laina's owner, Don Gray, of 20946 Denker Ave.

(Herald Photo)

## City to Receive Park Plan Soon

Master plans for the Torrance park system will probably be submitted to the Torrance Planning Commission by Nov. 16, Recreation Director Harry Van Belleham told members of the Recreation Commission Tuesday night.

Architect William Woollett is completing final plans now, he said, and bids are expected to be taken soon.

On the immediate agenda for work are tennis courts at El Retiro Park, new buildings at Walteria and Seaside parks, a nine-hole golf course at Seaside Park, playground work at Torrance Park, and landscaping, baseball, and building work at McMaster Park, he said.

The commission accepted the resignation of Darwin Parrish, and Mrs. Herma Tillam was recommended to the City Council as his replacement. She has been active in recreational work, and led the drive to get a new swimming pool and civic center for the city.

Commission Chairman J. H. Paget will meet with the Planning Commission, it was announced, to try to work out an agreement whereby the city could get a park in the Ellwood tract.

The five-acre park, shown on original tract maps, does not appear on the latest map submitted to the Planning Commission by developer Harry Kissell. A number of residents of the area have protested the lack of a park.

Van Belleham indicated that the park site, near Riviera School, would be a good one from his standpoint. He described it as being one of the best in the city.

There is some controversy over whether or not it had been agreed previously that the Ellwood Corporation should donate a site for a park to the city.

Ben Solomon of New York, editor of the Youth Leaders Digest, will conduct a Recreational Training Institute next Jan. 22, Van Belleham announced. A teacher of recreational leadership at New York University, Van Belleham described his work as "some of the best I have seen in the field."

In other action, Van Belleham announced that his department hopes to begin Saturday recreation programs in Walteria School, with Frank Taylor as director.

The commission indicated that it opposes granting exclusive use of park facilities to any group. Part-time recreational leaders were recommended for pay raises by the city. Recreation supervisors were recommended for raises from \$1.60 to \$1.90 per hour, senior recreation leaders from \$1.50 to \$1.75, recreation leaders "1," from \$1.43 to \$1.60, and recreation leaders "2," from \$1.34 to \$1.50.

Residents and visiting guests have been extended an invitation to meet their neighbors during the three-hour get-together, according to Mrs. Charles Leitch, chairman of the committee handling arrangements.

## City Offices Closed For Veterans' Day

Torrance schools, city offices, and state offices here will be closed today in observance of the first Veterans Day holiday. Banks and most stores will remain open. Collections of garbage, cans, and trash will be made as usual.

Holiday schedules will be followed at the Torrance Post Office and at the Walteria and North Torrance stations. Mail will be collected and dispatched, but there will be no regular delivery of mail.

No special activities are planned in Torrance for the holiday. Parades are being planned in Long Beach and other Southland cities.

## Stores Ready For Holidays

Torrance merchants are making plans for the Christmas sales season, Chamber of Commerce Secretary Dale Isenberg said yesterday.

A survey indicates that prices will be about the same as last year, he said. Stores are making plans for remaining open during the evenings to accommodate working people, he said.

Lollipops will be distributed to youngsters on the streets by a roving Santa Claus.

Baskets will be distributed to the needy, with the Chamber as a central clearing house, Isenberg said. Service clubs, churches, PTA groups, markets, and individual donors are expected to contribute food. Last year, 125 baskets were distributed.

Persons who know of needy persons were urged to give their names to the Chamber.

## Compton Man Dies After 2-Car Crash

A 19-year-old Compton ranch worker was killed Tuesday night and his wife and another woman were seriously injured in a two-car crash at 220th St. and Vermont Ave. Tuesday.

Rudolph Brown, driver of one car, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital at 6:30 p.m. His wife Anne, 16, was reported in good condition, while Dorothy Traweck, 30, of 1450 1/2 W. 220th St., was in fair to good condition.

California Highway Patrol officers indicated that Mrs. Traweck, driver of the other car, may be cited on a manslaughter charge. Police Officers S. S. Foster and J. W. Holmes said Mrs. Traweck had apparently failed to yield the right of way.

Brown was headed south on Vermont, while Mrs. Traweck was westbound on 220th St.

## Chest Drive Here Reaches 62 Per Cent

Torrance's advance gifts section of the Community Chest Campaign reported 100 per cent subscription of its goal yesterday and the residential section has reached 84 per cent, City Chairman Ella Schwartz reported.

The city campaign has now reached 62 per cent of its total quota, she reported. The total includes residential and commerce and industry sections.

Rolling Hills was the first Southwest community to report over the top. Harbor Chairman A. B. Thompson reported.

## Council Moves To Issue Bonds On Fire Station

First steps in the sale of bonds voted last April for a new fire station and for park development in Torrance were taken by the City Council Tuesday night with the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issuance of the bonds totaling \$450,000 and an introduction of resolution directing the City Clerk to publish notice inviting sealed proposals for the bonds.

When sold, the bonds will provide \$300,000 for the construction and equipping of the new central fire station at Carson and Crenshaw, and \$150,000 for the development of Torrance parks.

The ordinance authorizing sale of the bonds must be introduced again before becoming valid. The resolution will be re-introduced and adopted at that time, officials report.

Final plans for the fire station have been accepted by the city and bids for construction have been called and are due in about two weeks.

Plans for development of the city's parks have been drawn up and are now being considered by city officials and civic leaders. Plans include a proposal for a nine-hole pitch and putt golf course in the Seaside area.

## Conference Set on Bus Drivers' Pay

Surveys which indicate that Torrance bus drivers are among the highest paid in California are useless unless all the factors are included, members of the Torrance City Council were told by a delegation of voters Tuesday evening.

A survey of salary scales and fringe benefits of bus drivers in other municipalities in the area had been presented to the councilmen after the bus drivers had registered dissatisfaction with the salary schedules.

Speaking for the drivers at Tuesday's council meeting, Silas C. Whitman, of 2518 Gramercy Ave., said the bus drivers wanted as much as packer truck drivers and school bus drivers in Torrance.

"We have a situation which hurts us financially and emotionally," Whitman said.

Councilman Victor E. Benstead's move to refer the pay matter to a Council-City Manager conference was carried 4-1, with Councilman Albert Isen holding out to grant the drivers an immediate \$20 a month raise.

## HOSPITAL DENIED

Request of Paul H. Smith of Gardena for a variance and conditional permit to build a 32-bed convalescent hospital on Arlington Ave., near 174th St., was denied by the City Council this week on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The proposal had been protested by residents and school officials.

## Regional Planners Approve New Zoning Map for Lomita

The Regional Planning Commission Tuesday approved the master plan of zoning for the Lomita and Lomita Pines areas.

Final approval of the comprehensive plan which zones a hitherto M-3 (unzoned) area, must come from the Board of Supervisors.

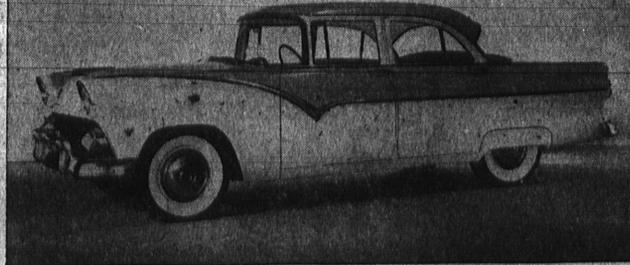
The Commission gave its approval following a hearing last Oct. 18, at which time leading figures in the community spoke in its behalf.

The area included in the master plan is bounded on the north and west by the city limits of

Torrance, on the east by Los Angeles, and on the south by Pico Verdes Dr. North. The area contains a population estimated at 15,000.

Several special zone exceptions for individuals were also granted along with the adoption of the total plan.

At the hearing held last month, some 130 persons appeared to hear Tim McCormick, leader of the Committee for Zoning Lomita, testify that the zoning was necessary to preserve property values and protect property owners.



**ON DISPLAY TOMORROW . . .** The new Fords for 1955 will go on display at Oscar Maples Ford, 1429 Cabrillo Ave., tomorrow. The 1955 Ford line will feature the new Fairlane models, named after the home of the late Henry Ford. Shown above is the Fairlane four-door sedan.