



**NEW THE STUDENT LEADERS.** Members of the newly elected Torrance High School council officially took over their new duties this week, following installation ceremonies. From left, seated, Joan Laskaris, commissioner of finance; Linda Thistle, commissioner of pep; Audrey Stevens, commissioner of activities; Judy Powell, commissioner of pub-

licity. Back row, Jeff Carr, commissioner of group control; Jim Haworth, commissioner of athletics; Paul Shinoda, student court judge; Marylou Sass, commissioner of records; Sherwood Tiernan, vice-president; and Joe Fazio, student council president.

### ... School Talks

(Continued from page one) sented reasonable figures on school costs in the area. Hull challenged the company's claim that assessed valuation would eventually reach \$66,000,000.

**Valuation Figures Low**  
Judging by present valuations in Torrance itself, assessed valuation in the area could run as low as \$35,000,000, Hull said. These figures were based on Hull's belief that proposed commercial development in the area would not reach \$17,000,000, as the company claimed.

He said that there is no similar commercial development in such a location in this area. The company's \$3-per-acre assessment figures were exaggerated, he felt.

Other factors in making the figure lower than company estimates are a lack of industry in the territory, as compared with that in Torrance, and possible changes in development plans, he said.

**'Unique' Center Planned**  
Hanson termed the \$35,000,000 valuation "ridiculous." He claimed his company is planning for a "unique" commercial development which would cater to more exclusive shops. Buildings in the commercial section would be built by his firm and leased to various businesses, he said.

"There is nothing like this development in the Los Angeles area," he said, "although Minneapolis and other cities have them."

A survey of persons in nearby communities—Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills—showed that they now shop in Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, Hanson said. The new shops would be similar to shops in those cities, he declared.

He admitted that the firm's plans for development of the 800-acre area were necessarily not final, due to changing conditions.

Master plan changes would have to be approved by the Planning Commission and City Council, it was pointed out.

The educators explained that they are now hard put to find money to build enough schools for children pouring in as the city grows larger.

Commissioner Beasley expressed concern over the effect on the school system. There are not enough schools in the southern area of Torrance to serve children now there, he said. What would happen if additional children were added through the annexation, he asked.

**Problems Met**  
Mrs. Wright replied that the problem would have to be met through override taxes and double sessions for schools.

### Speakers on Cars, Travel, Plumbing Set

Robert Galley, of the Long Beach Better Business Bureau, will be guest speaker at the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast tomorrow from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the YWCA.

At the same time, it was announced that reservations are now being accepted for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on March 3 in the Civic Auditorium. The William I. Laughon-Grover C. Whyte Trophy will be awarded to the outstanding Torrance citizen of 1954. Dinner will be chuck wagon style for \$2.50 per person. Reservations for both affairs can be made at FA 8-2814.

**URBAN STATE**  
Connecticut has more than two million residents as of recent figures, and more than 75 per cent of them are classed as urban dwellers of the state's cities and towns.

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### C of C Meet Set Tuesday

Defensive Driving" will be the subject of a talk by Officer Frank Runyan, of the California State Highway Patrol, before the Kiwanis Club tonight at 6:30 in American Legion Hall.

The Optimist Club will hold its regular meeting tonight at 7 o'clock at the Ding How Cafe.

Dean A. Peck of the Peck Travel Service, will discuss "So You Want to Go to Europe" at the Lions Club meeting tomorrow noon at The Palms.

The Elks will make further plans for the institution of the lodge Feb. 19 at their meeting Wednesday night in Alan Richards Hall.

Rotarians will learn "How Plumbing Affects Your Daily Living" from Max Burgman, of the American Standard sales staff, at their meeting Thursday in the Woman's Club.

A regular meeting of the Civitan Club is also set Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Ding How Cafe.

though his firm would retain the mineral rights to the land. Hanson explained that his firm had bought the land for development purposes, and that the Capital Corp., which holds 21 per cent of the stock, is its sales agent.

School board members indicated that they could not approve any sites for schools in the area if and until the City Council approves annexation.

Gerkin had asked that tentative sites be approved in the area, so that engineering plans could be made to ready tract maps for construction as soon as possible.

### Obituaries

**Richard Hug**  
Friday rites were held for Richard Pierson Hug, 5, of Hawthorne, at Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Don Shelby officiating. He died Feb. 5.

He was born in Alhambra. He is survived by his mother, Beverly Sicheloff, of Huntington Beach, and father, Richard J. Hug.

Burial was in Inglewood Cemetery.

**Frank Spoon**  
Funeral services for John Spoon, 79, of 114 Via Los Altos, were held Saturday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Don Shelby officiating. He died Wednesday.

A native of Michigan, he had lived in Torrance for 35 years. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and of the Leonard Wood Camp of Spanish

### Special Points

(Continued from page one) points score which will appear in The HERALD Feb. 17. Every Thursday during the remaining weeks of the campaign this points score will be published. The close of the first two weeks of the campaign found campaign workers running very close together. In some instances there are only a few subscriptions between workers. Workers down in seventh and eighth positions, for example, would have little difficulty jumping to top honors by taking full advantage of the biggest points week of the entire campaign now in force.

Save the 100-point coupons for your favorite worker, and bring them in or mail them in to The HERALD.

O, she was a member of the German Lutheran Church, Daughters of Liberty, and Pythian Sisters.

### Prospective Mothers Class Meets Feb. 24

A preview of hospital routine and care will be given prospective mothers in this expectant mothers class at the Health Center, 2300 Carson St., Thursday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. The film "Labor and Childbirth" will be shown, according to Mrs. Clara Eyre, public health nurse-instructor.

Prospective mothers are invited to this or any of the classes which are given as an educational service of the County Health Department.

### South America Films Planned at El Camino

Pictures of the lost Inca City of Machu Picchu will highlight an illustrated lecture entitled "Around South America" at El Camino College, Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. in Room 8 of the Administration Building. The public is invited.

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