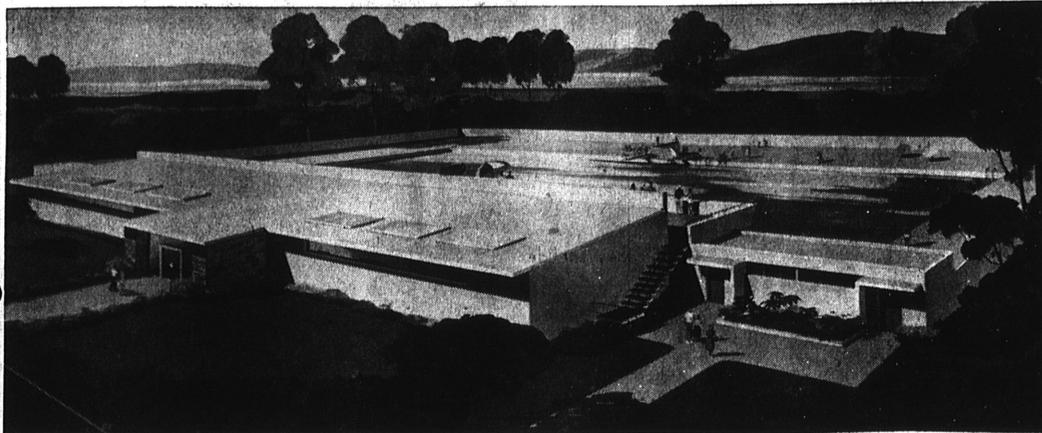


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City Planning New Government, School Building

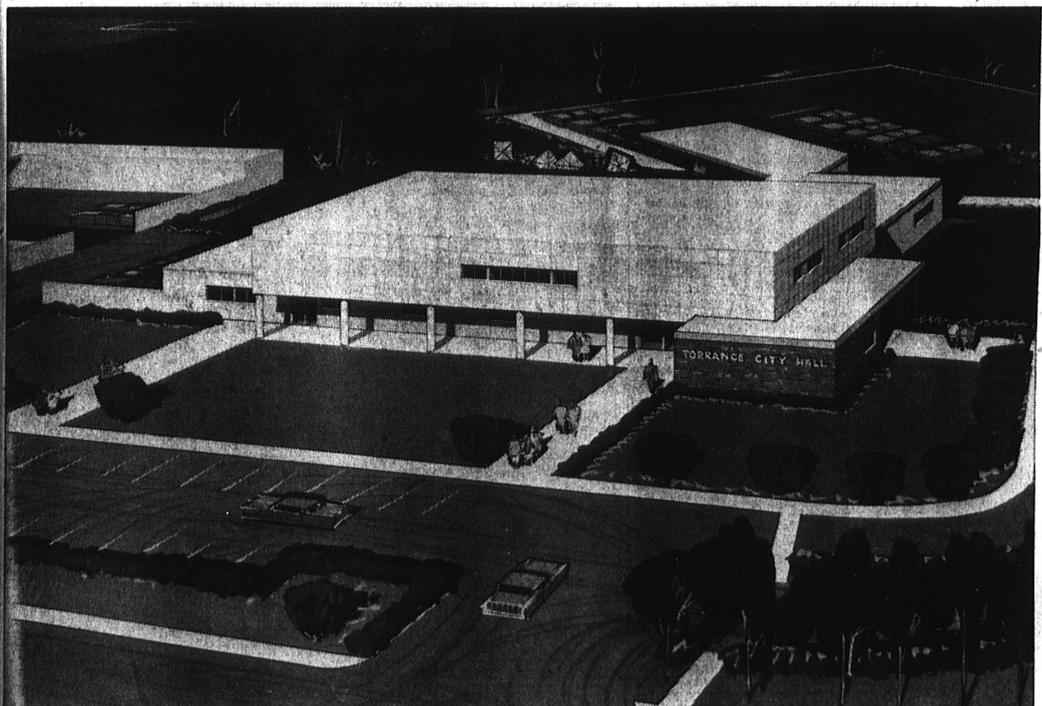
To Be Built Here Soon



PROPOSED POOL . . . Plans for the new \$250,000 swimming pool approved by the voters last October will be presented to the Recreation Commission next week for study. Designed by Architect Hugh Davies, the pool will be

located near the new Civic Center near Madrona Ave. and Torrance Blvd. Estimated cost of the new facilities, which will include shower facilities and a sun deck is about \$250,000.

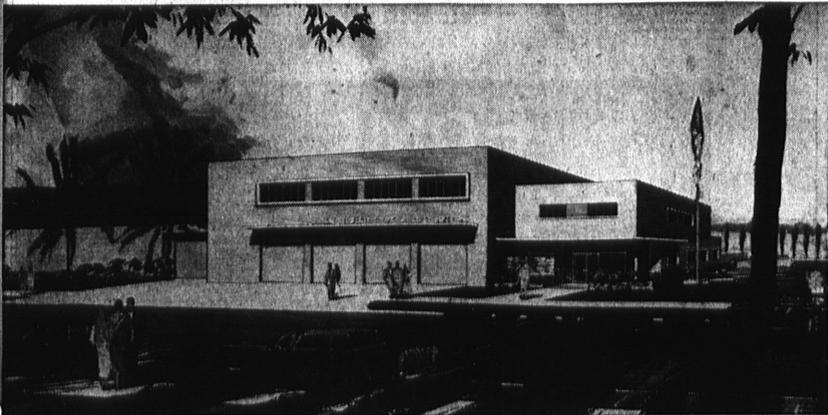
New Civic Center for City



NEW CIVIC CENTER . . . Torrance's overcrowded City Hall and Police facilities will be housed in this modern building near the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave. Plans for the Police Station were approved last week

by the City Council, and plans for the City Hall are expected to be approved next week. Bids probably will be let in May. The facilities will have plenty of room for parking, and considerable room for expansion.

New Fire Headquarters



MODERN FIRE STATION . . . Work is to be done by July on the new central fire station to be located at Carson St. and Crenshaw Blvd. The building will contain some 17,000

square feet, which will give room for offices, classrooms, shops for equipment maintenance, and upstairs dormitory space.



UP ON THE HILL . . . Torrance's expanding student population has increased the number of elementary schools five times in the last seven years, with population expected to double again in the next five years. Here a group of students leaves the newest of Torrance's schools, Hillside, at the corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. Two more schools—Newton and Steele—will open in the fall.

CHANGING SKYLINES TO INCLUDE CIVIC CENTER, SWIMMING POOL

Along with Torrance's changing industrial and residential skylines, new government and school buildings are rising to meet the needs of a growing city.

Growth of the city from 13,160 people in 1947 to an estimated 57,000 today has created great problems for government officials, both in personnel and in space.

The growing civic responsibilities are mirrored in the plans for a new \$700,000 Civic Center, to house both city and police offices. Present quarters were built in 1936, to meet the needs of some 8000 people.

The new buildings are to be located on a 28-acre site in the geographic center of the city—between Maple and Madrona Aves., north of Torrance Blvd.

Fire Fighters Expand
Likewise a new central fire station is rising on the corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Carson St., and is expected to be ready for use by July. A fourth Torrance fire station is planned at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy., designed to serve the southwest areas of the city.

Also planned is an enlargement and expansion of the north Torrance fire station.

During the last year, new substations of the Torrance Post office were opened in north and south Torrance, and the area to be served by the local office is scheduled for ex-

ansion on April 1.

Swimming Pool Readied

A \$250,000 swimming pool, approved last October by the voters, is also expected to be in use by 1956. Plans are now being completed, with bids scheduled to be let soon.

For recreational purposes, the Torrance Recreation Commission is now pondering expansion of park facilities at McMaster, Seaside, El Retiro, and Walteria parks. Voters last year OK'd a \$150,000 bond, issue for use on parks.

The skyrocketing population figures have created an ever growing need for schools. During the past seven years, the number of elementary schools has jumped from three to 17, and two more slated to open this fall, and several more on the planning board.

New School Opens

The newest addition, Hillside, was opened in February, with Steel and Newton Schools slated to open in September. Plans are being made for Arlington and Sepulveda Schools within the next year. West Torrance, Edison, and Anza Schools are on list for the next several years.

A new high school in North Torrance will open this September to relieve double sessions at Torrance High School. Local authorities hope to have still a third high school, South Tor-

rance ready for use in September, 1957.

A fourth high school has been discussed.

Indications now are that the city's school population will jump from its present 12,000 to some 29,000 by 1959.

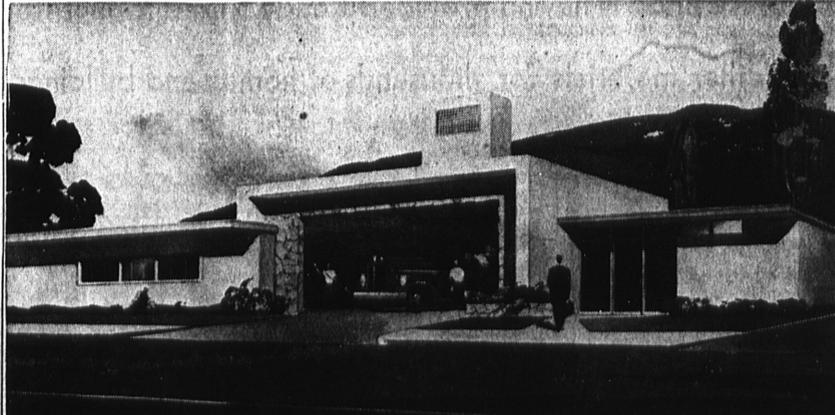
City Is High On Nation's Building List

Torrance ranked 19th in the nation in the amount of new building permits issued during January, according to reports issued by Dun and Bradstreet.

With a total of \$4,314,275 in permits issued, the city ranked only behind Los Angeles and San Diego in this area. At the same time, Torrance ranked ahead of such cities as Memphis, Tenn.; Miami, Fla.; Wichita, Kans.; Washington, D.C.; and Ft. Worth, Tex.

The city placed high on the list of cities in the nation last year, with total building permits of \$45,086,552, a more than 50 per cent increase over any other previous year. Officials are hopeful that 1955 totals will exceed those last year, and so far, the totals are ahead of 1954.

Due in South Torrance



MORE FIRE PROTECTION . . . Bids are expected to be let soon on Torrance Fire Station No. 4, to be located at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. The station designed by

architect Marion J. Varner, will serve southwest Torrance. It will probably not be ready before next year.