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WHO IS IT? . . . The person who is to be named Torrance "good neighbor" this year will be revealed at the annual YMCA breakfast to be held Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Civic Auditorium. A plaque and award will be presented to the winner, who will be selected by a committee on the basis of letters sent to the Y. Proceeds will go to YMCA youth activities.

Council Backs Mothers' Pleas

Torrance's city fathers officially joined ranks with the protesting Meadow Park Mothers, Tuesday night, in asking for stop signals at the corner of 230th and Hawthorne Ave., which children, enroute to classes, must cross. The council received a petition containing 258 signatures from persons in the area, who asked that something be done about getting a signal light.

Great Lakes Chairman, Wife Die in Crash

George Skakel Sr., chairman of the board of directors of Great Lakes Carbon Corp., and his wife, Ann, died Monday, when a company plane in which they were passengers crashed near Union City, Okla.

Also killed in the crash were company pilots Joseph W. Whitney and John E. McBride.

Mr. Skakel was born in Chicago in 1892. Following his employment for a number of years in the railroad business he became traffic manager of a coal producing company. After serving as a Naval officer in World War I he became a partner with Walter Gramin, now senior vice president of Great Lakes Carbon Corp., and another man in the formation of Great Lakes Coal & Coke Co., Chicago.

That company in 1923 was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. At the same time Mr. Skakel became president and a director. He continued in those positions when the company subsequently moved its headquarters to New York City and when, in 1939, it was reorganized as Great Lakes Carbon Corp., a Delaware corporation.

On April 15, 1953, George Skakel Sr., resigned as president of the corporation and was elected chairman of the board of directors. The company Skakel headed owns the huge undeveloped portion of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and he visited in Torrance during early phases of the development plans for the area. The area in question was proposed for annexation to Torrance last year.

67,394 That's Where City Is Now

20,000 Added In Two Years

Torrance is now a city of 67,394 persons. That's the official—or almost official—word given the City Council, Tuesday night. City Manager George Stevens presented the report of Census Supervisor Elijah B. Lewis to the city fathers. A final report will be forthcoming from Washington in about a month.

Tuesday, Lewis finished assembling the reports of the 88 enumerators who visited every home in the city during the past month to collect the data. He is now counting noses at Fullerton.

Guestimates Vary
Guestimates of city officials had ranged from 65,000 to 68,000 people.

At the last official city census in November, 1953, 44,914 persons were recorded. This reflects a growth of nearly one-third during the two-year period. In the three years from 1950 to 1953, the city's population nearly doubled—from 22,241 to 44,914.

Census figures for the past ten years have shown the following:
October, 1955—67,394.
November, 1953—44,914.
February, 1952—31,517.
June, 1950—22,241.
February, 1947—13,160.
June, 1940—9,950.

New Taxes Due
When the new census figures are finally made official, the city will be entitled to increased state gas tax monies, which are allotted to cities on a population basis. Officials estimate that Torrance will be a city of 100,000 by 1960, but at the present rate, even these figures appear conservative.

HERALD Editor Misses Census Figure by 31

The city might consider saving the cost of future special census tabulations and just let HERALD Editor Reid Bundy give with a guess.

Back on Sept. 22, just after the nose count had started in the city, Bundy wrote in his "Squirrel Cage" column on the editorial page of the HERALD that he estimated the census would hit 67,363.

How close he came was revealed Tuesday night when City Manager George Stevens reported that the preliminary count was 67,394—just 31 persons more than Bundy's estimate.

One advantage the census count has over the Bundy estimate can not be over-emphasized—the Census Bureau's reports are taken as official.

Council Skirts Deadlock Over Former Meeting

Four members of the Torrance City Council waded through an extensive agenda here Tuesday evening after a round of catch-as-catch-can sparring for position on previous actions of the group.

First hint that everything was not a bed of roses with the councilmen came when two of the four members present, Councilmen Willys G. Blount and Nicholas O. Draie, voted against approving the minutes of the Sept. 13 meeting. A few seconds later, the same pair refused to vote an approval of the Sept. 27 meeting. Both meetings dealt with the controversial rabies inoculation ordinance, which was voted in by a three-man majority and is due to come up again Oct. 18.

A similar move for adjournment the Sept. 27 meeting formally failed by the same two votes. Councilman Mervin Schwab was absent.

The regular meeting got under way after City Attorney James M. Hall ruled that for all practical purposes, the Sept. 27 meeting had been adjourned. Hall explained to the Council that the only difficulty in not approving the minutes might arise later if the minutes were sought as a true reflection of the proceedings of the meeting. Until approved, they do not stand as prima facie evidence that they are a true report.

Leaving the matter in the air, the Council went on to receive bids for the remodeling of the north Torrance fire station, with E. Payne, builder of the central fire station and the city hall the apparent low bidder; voted to back the Torrance Heights area mothers in their plea for crossing safeguards at 230th St. and Hawthorne Ave., and set a hearing date of Oct. 25 for the controversial rezoning application for Dresser Equipment Co. property at Carson St. and Crenshaw.

Lt. Gov. Powers At Dedication

A full-scale invasion is expected here Saturday, as 2000 National Guardsmen, tanks, howitzers, 90 millimeter guns, trucks, and ambulances move through the city of Torrance. Local residents have nothing to fear, however, since they will be present for the dedication of the new Torrance Armory.

In what will be one of the biggest parades in the history of the city, Guardsmen, equipment, and representatives of the city, National Guard Companies A and E of the 132nd Armored Engineers, Armored Artillery, eight to ten tanks, 90-millimeter guns, 105 howitzers, and other equipment. An Army bus will pick up the dignitaries at the City Hall.

55 Units to March
Approximately 30 military units and 25 civic groups will participate in the march, which will climax at the new armory at 2505 Cabrillo Ave.

Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers will be present for the ceremonies in place of Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, who will be attending a Republican meeting, tenting a Republican meeting, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and State Sen. Richard Richards also will be present.

On the military side, Maj. Gen. Homer O. Eaton, 40th division commander, and Gen. Edgar Barrett, Jr., adjutant general's office will be present.

Arrangements Made
Arrangements for the dedication of the new home of Company 1, 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, are being made by Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commander, and Mayor Albert Isen, who has proclaimed Saturday as "National Guard Day." Parade coordinator is Police Sgt. D. C. Cook, while Capt. Horton Smith, 132nd commander, and Lt. Col. Archibald U. Turner are helping also.

The day's activities will be capped by a community dance, sponsored by the Torrance Jaycees, to be held at the Armory at 8 p.m., featuring the music of Frank James and his band.

Demonstration Planned
A square dance demonstration will be presented from 7:45 to 8. Entrance will be 50 cents and reduce the speed from 55 miles per hour in the area was unanimously approved.

No Decision Reached
At the same time, officials in the Los Angeles office of the State Division of Highways said that no final decision had been received from the State Division of Highways on what should be done at the crossing.

Following a recent survey at the intersection, the Los Angeles office sent recommendations to Sacramento, but no word has been received yet, officials said. They are hoping for an answer later this week.

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- The pre-game picture for Torrance's two high school football teams can be found on pages 16 and 17 of today's HERALD, giving the outlook for their week-end games.
- On page 2, the HERALD is running the second in a series of sparkling commentaries by Maude Miller on the local shopping scene in "Here at Home."
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Papa's Rush To Beat Stork Almost Ends

Paustino Perez rush to get his wife to the hospital Sunday morning in time for the birth of the couple's baby was temporarily sidetracked by a two-car collision at Normandie Ave. and 225th St.

Perez, 28, of Harbor City, was driving his wife, Sally, 19, to Harbor General Hospital for a date with the stork when his car collided with an auto driven by Cecile Owens, 16, of 2253 Island Ave., at the intersection. The couple became proud parents none-the-less when Mrs. Perez gave birth to a seven pound son at an emergency hospital, where she was transported following the accident.

She suffered shock and a lacerated elbow in the wreck and was taken to Harbor Hospital after the baby was born. Hospital authorities said Tuesday she was "doing fine."

No one else was injured in the collision, reports indicate.



PAT MORRIS AND FRIEND . . . In line for \$100,000 if she can get up out of a chair while under hypnosis on a quiz show Friday night is Pat Morris, 19, daughter of Charles W. Morris, local aircraft executive. An ardent horse lover, she may buy a new horse and some stocks if she wins the money.

WITH STRING ATTACHED

Coed Eligible For \$100,000

The daughter of a local aircraft executive will be given \$100,000—less \$67,320 in taxes—this Friday, if she can get up out of a chair. But there's a catch to it.

Pat Morris, 19, daughter of Charles W. Morris, vice president of Doak Aircraft, will get \$100,000 from the National Broadcasting System on the "Truth or Consequences" show Friday, only if she can arise from a chair against the orders of a hypnotist, Arthur Allen.

He will suggest to her subconscious mind that she cannot get up from a chair to pick up \$100,000 in cash before her. All she has to do to win is to pick up the money. The program is NBC's version of the "\$64,000 Question."

Picked From Students
A fine arts student at the University of Southern California, Miss Morris was picked from a group of USC students attending the program after a football rally.

This week, Miss Morris is continuing to attend classes at the university, but in the company of Miss Betty Goody, president of the Hollywood Women's Press Club. This is to insure that she does not receive telephone calls or discuss the matter with anyone until Friday. She is staying at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles for the week.

On the TV program, \$100,000 in large denominations will be placed before her on a table. She will be instructed by the hypnotist not to pick up the money as she is placed in a sleep.

May Buy Horse
If she wins the money, the coed hasn't decided what she will do with it, but might buy a horse, she declared. An avid horsewoman, she has won two second places in the International Horse Show at the Pan Pacific. The rest, she might put into stocks. She took the whole thing calmly, Morris said.



NEW SIGNS ADDED . . . 15 new signs directing the public to the city's free, two-hour parking lots in the downtown area have been erected Chamber of Commerce Secretary Tom Watson said this week. The signs were put up by the Automobile Club through the efforts of the Chamber.

TOTAL TAX RATE SET AT \$7.0792 FOR YEAR

The 1955 tax rate for Torrance property owners will be \$7.0792 as compared to \$6.7996 a year ago, according to figures compiled this week by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Largest bite on the tax dollar goes to the Torrance Unified School District, with the County of Los Angeles next.

The tax per \$100 of assessed valuation will be:

	1955-56	1954-55
Torrance Unified School District	\$3.1200	\$2.9920
City of Torrance	1955-56	1954-55
General Fund	\$.95	\$ 1.00
Retirement	.10	.105
Library Fund	.05	.05
1954 Bond	.027	.035
1955 Bond	.057	New
Total	\$1.184	\$1.1900
Los Angeles County (General)	2.0118	1.7778
Metropolitan Water District	.2100	.2300
*County Sanitation District No. 5	.2587	.2687
County Flood Control District	.2947	.3411

Total Tax Rate \$7.0792 \$6.7996
(*Areas in South Bay Sanitation District, rate is 2.875)
The official assessed valuations for the year 1955-56 reached an all-time high of \$99,727,570 according to City Manager's Budget Report to the City Council.