



(Herald Photo) **MILITARY COLOR GUARD . . .** Members of the California National Guard carry the colors during the hour-long parade here Saturday afternoon as officials of the National Guard, State, and City government gathered to dedicate the new Torrance Armory at Cabrillo and Lincoln.



(Herald Photo) **DIGNITARIES IN PARADE . . .** Officials riding in the Armory Dedication parade here Saturday afternoon included State Senator Richard Richards (left rear), Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (center rear), and City Manager George Stevens. In the front is Mayor Albert Isen.



(Herald Photo) **BANDSMEN ON PARADE . . .** The Torrance High School Band provided the tempo for the marching units in the first division of Saturday's parade preceding the dedication of Torrance's new Armory building. Also marching were the Youth Band and the 40th Division Band.



(Herald Photo) **THE CLEAN-UP BRIGADE . . .** Marching under the banner of the "Dismounted Clean-Up Unit No. 1" the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce participated in the parade by pulling portable trash containers which they are now selling in a "keep-the-city-clean" campaign.

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Officials Dedicate New Armory

Phone Building Hearing Delayed

The first Planning Commission hearing on the General Telephone Co. petition for a variance to build an addition to its property at 650 Palos Verdes Blvd., was stymied Wednesday night, as nearby property owners pointed out that they had not been informed in time of the meeting.

Divided Tract Gets Approval From Planners

Four tracts, containing 163 lots, were recommended for approval Wednesday night by the Torrance Planning Commission, including one tract split between Torrance and Los Angeles.

The 46-lot tract, located east of Walnut St., along a prolongation of 238th St., has five lots in which the boundaries are divided between Torrance and Los Angeles. These, the planners excluded from their recommendation, until the boundary is definitely settled. The tract is proposed by John E. Kettler.

Tract Referred
At its Sept. 27 meeting, the City Council had referred the tract back to the Planning Commission for further study, but the recommendation was the same this time. The tract number is 20823.

Biggest of the tracts getting a recommendation was the Grand Construction Co. proposal for 84 lots northwest of 84th and Arlington Ave. The tract number is 20019.

Approval was made with stipulations that drainage be directed to the new Arlington Flood Control Storm Drain, that certain lots remain in a commercial zone, and that turn-around driveways be provided for homes on Arlington Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd.

Stipulation Added
Tract 49767, containing 21 lots located southeast of 174th and Arlington Ave., presented by Charles Lindenberg, was recommended for approval if a drainage easement at the north end of Wilton Pl. is provided, if 10 feet be provided on the east side of Arlington Ave. for street widening, and if lots backing on the potential M-1 zone had a six-foot masonry wall.

Also recommended for approval was the proposal of the Liberty Investment Co. for 12 lots northeast of 171st and Alsworth Ave. in Tract 20277. Planners stipulated that five feet of property be dedicated for widening 171st St. Planners indicated that they did not plan to extend Kornblum in the area.

The Property Management Co. proposal for 27 lots in Tract 20252, northwest of 170th and Arlington Ave., was sent to committee for study.

James Morrison, of 633 Paseo de los Reyes, claimed that he had received seven days ahead, instead of 10 as the law requires. Assistant City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said that the case would have to be republished in the paper, and new notices sent to property owners.

Action Sought
In its petition, the phone company was asking for permission to add to the existing central office building, which is now in an R-3 zone. A previous request for a variance was denied by the City Council, after hearing protests from homeowners nearby.

Although A. M. Hart, representing the General Telephone Co., requested that the hearing proceed, residents protested that they had not received enough time to prepare their case.

A protest from the city of Palos Verdes Estates, signed by Victor Robertson, chairman of the Planning and Parks Commission, was read. The phone company adjourns this night.

Action Delayed
In other action, the planners delayed action on a petition by Dr. Arthur Berke for a variance and conditional permit to remove the existing building and improve property at 1104 Arlington Ave. as a parking lot.

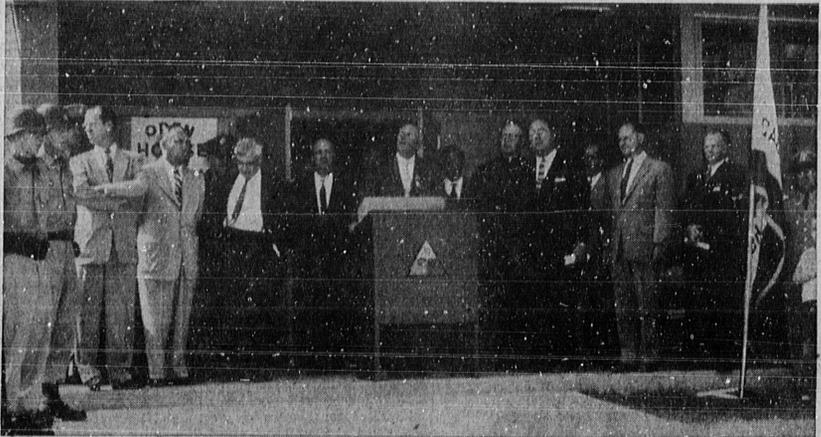
A number of nearby residents protested the case, and Fred L. Wright, of 1023 Arlington Ave., presented a petition signed by 31 persons in opposition.

The petition objected to the parking lot because residents feel it would create noise, cause an unnecessary amount of trash, and reduce the valuation of their property.

Also appearing in opposition were E. C. Martin, of 1103 Cravens; Howard Lander, of 1016 Arlington; and F. M. Giles, of 1027 Arlington.

No Objection
C. McLean, who owns adjoining property, indicated he had no objection if a six foot fence were built around the lot.

Dr. Berke explained that he owns a commercial building by the lot, and desires to provide off-street parking. The lot, properly fenced and landscaped, would enhance the value of adjoining property, he said.



(Herald Photo) **ARMORY DEDICATED . . .** At ceremonies dedicating Torrance's new National Guard Armory, many dignitaries were in attendance. Shown here are an unidentified Guardsman, Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commander of the local company; Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Assemblyman Vincent Thomas; Brig. Gen. Edgar Barratt, of the Adjutant Gen-

eral's office; Leo Harvey, local businessman; Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel; Lt. Gov. Harold Powers; an unidentified official; Father Patrick McGuinness; Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle; Hermosa Beach Mayor Edward Edwards, and the Rev. H. Milton Sippel.

CO-ED FAILS IN TRY FOR \$100,000

With \$100,000 just out of reach, Pat Morris found she couldn't get out of a chair to pick up the money Friday night. The daughter of Charles Morris, vice-president of Doak Aircraft, was hospitalized and told she was physically unable to pick up the cash. Despite the urgings of Emcee Jack Bailey, she made no move to get up. All she had to do to win was pick up the money.

She said she didn't remember what had happened during the 20 seconds she had to get out of the chair and pick up the \$100,000. When asked if she was sorry she couldn't get up, she replied, "I never had it to lose."

To soothe her injured feelings, however, the USC coed received \$1000 in cash and a new car.

Maj. Cochran Resumes Duty After Crash

Maj. Davis C. Cochran, injured six weeks ago in the plane crash which took the life of Mrs. Jan Kirby, returned to duty with the Civil Air Patrol at a recent training mission at Santa Barbara.

The victim of leg and arm injuries and burns in the crash, he was taken to Riverside for treatment by Air Force specialists there. He was recently released. Flown to San Antonio, Tex., for treatment, Mrs. Kirby, passenger in the plane flown by Cochran, died a week later of burns which covered 80 per cent of her body.

Maj. Cochran, who lives at 268 Calle de Andalucia, wears slippers during the operation, serving on a limited training basis. He is Long Beach, Group 7, Civil Air Patrol commander.



(Herald Photo) **STATE OFFICIAL SPEAKS** . . . Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers was the top-ranking state official present at dedication ceremonies of the new National Guard Armory Saturday. The official praised the spirit of Torrance in backing its new Armory.

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Navy Man Hurt in Four-Car Collision

Merle Berndt, 33, U.S. Navy, of 4610 Tallman St., sustained minor injuries in a four-car mishap Thursday afternoon on 190th St., according to police reports.

Berndt was hurt when cars driven by himself, Tony R. Landino, 23, of 20825 Hawthorne Blvd., Harry H. Matthews, 39, of 4535 Tallman, and Carlton Melton, 45, of Redondo, were involved in a collision, the reports indicated.

Strike Delays Building Work

A majority of the construction work on civic buildings, schools, and homes in this area stopped last week, as a Teamsters Union strike stopped the delivery of sand and gravel to most jobs.

While representatives of Local 692, of the Teamsters

Union, were negotiating with representatives of the National Sand and Gravel Assn., local construction workers and sand and gravel employees were twiddling their thumbs. The teamsters are demanding wage increases and other benefits.

Only local plant unaffected was Torrance Sand and Gravel Co., 25701 Crenshaw Blvd., which is not a member of the association.

Civic Center Hit
According to Architect Marion J. Varner, masonry work at the Civic Center was proceeding with a limited amount of sand and gravel. Pre-cast concrete walls which had already been poured have been put in place, he said, but other pouring work has been halted.

Work on the new gymnasium at North High School has nearly come to a halt. Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said, as has work on pouring floors at a new school warehouse on Plaza del Arroyo. If the strike continues much longer, it will delay work on Sepulveda School, for which bids were just let, and on portable units at Wood and Madrona Schools, for which bids are to be let today, he said.

Tract Stopped
Officials of the Don Wilson-Milton Kaufman enterprises, subdividers of the huge tract west of Hawthorne Ave., between Sepulveda and Torrance blvds., said work on a 554-home tract had stopped midway in the pouring because of a shortage of material. Work on other homes in the area is now in the framing stages, they reported.

Humane Society Truck Painted By Dog Owner
Some unhappy dog owner apparently freed his animal, poured pink paint on a truck, and broke a window, Mrs. Dorothy Fallon, of the South Bay Humane Society, 26386 Earl St., told sheriff's deputies Friday.

She said a rock had been thrown through a window and a can of pink paint had been poured over the seat covers of a panel truck. Then she discovered a cage with the door open and the impounded dog missing.

Many people are irate because the humane society takes their dogs, she said, and she surmised that some dog owner had done the damage.

Guard Displays Armored Might

Torrance's new National Guard Armory was officially dedicated Saturday in the best military style, with a crowd of dignitaries appearing at the ceremonies.

Highlight of the program was the presentation of the U. S. and California colors to Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commander of the local company, by Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers. The dedication rites followed a mile-and-a-half long parade through the streets of downtown Torrance.

City Praised
Lt. Gov. Powers praised the support that Torrance has given to its National Guard unit, and declared, "Local pride has put California in the high place which it is today."

Mayor Albert Isen acted as master of ceremonies, introducing Maj. Gen. Homer O. Eaton, commanding general of the 40th Armored Division; State Sen. Richard Richards; Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and Charles E. Chapel; Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Richard Newton, representing Supervisor Burton Chase; Brig. Gen. Edgar Barratt, representing the adjutant general, and city officials from Torrance, Palos Verdes, and Hermosa Beach.

Belongs to City
"This Armory belongs to Torrance," Gen. Eaton said. "We will build armories wherever they are needed, wherever citizens give us the support we have received here."

"What you are doing here is important far beyond the boundaries of Torrance," Sen. Richards declared, paying tribute to the "Torrance spirit."
Mayor Isen paid tribute to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who, he said, was one of the principal movers in getting the local armory. Thomas, in turn, praised city officials for their part in the new armory, and paid tribute to the growing city, which, he said, was only a small town when he first went to the Assembly.

God Save Guard
Assemblyman Chapel, recalling that he was a Guardsman years ago, declared, "God save the Guard!"

"This is a symbol that America is strong and will remain strong," said Supervisor Hahn, in joining the chorus of congratulations.

Members of Company E, 132nd Armored Engineers, stood by throughout the ceremonies as the building was dedicated. They will use the building and adjoining equipment areas for their weekly training sessions.

Parade Marches
The parade, traveling through downtown Torrance, featured the local Guard company, a Manhattan Beach company, the 40th Armored Division band, local civic organizations, and tanks and equipment from the 40th Armored Division. There was a reviewing stand at the City Hall.

Immediately following the ceremonies, an open house, featuring equipment used by Company E in its training, was held. In the evening, Guardsmen, city officials, and other local citizens gathered for a dance in the new armory.

The armory will be used for various civic functions, when not needed by the Guard, Capt. Horlander said.

Services Held For Heart Attack Victim

Funeral services were held Saturday at Stone and Myers Mortuary for Jesse Harold Sellers, 27, of 23027 Anza Ave., who succumbed Wednesday to a heart attack.

Sellers became ill after finishing lunch and when he seemed to have trouble breathing, the Torrance Fire Department rescuer crew was called in. He was transported to Harbor General Hospital, but was listed dead on arrival by hospital authorities.

An oil worker, Sellers had lived in Torrance for slightly more than a year. He was a native of Arkansas.

He is survived by his widow, May Jeanne; three sons, Christopher Lynn, Stephen Michael and Dennis Ray; three brothers, Roland E., of San Pedro, Charles M., of Wilmington, and Robert E., of Garden Grove; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sellers, of Wilmington.

Sellers served for four years with the Marine Corps during World War II.

Rev. C. Northrup, of the First Baptist Church, officiated at the final rites. Burial was in the Green Hills Cemetery.

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Pacific Smelting Co., last week became the first Torrance industry to subscribe to its Community Chest quota, thereby becoming the pace-setting industry for the city. Details with illustration are on page 8 today.

HERALD Columnist Tom Ritchie asks if Torrance is getting too big. Read his column on Torrance's growth today in his Freelancer column on page 12.

The man who battled red tape for 14 months to have his wife returned from Canada, and finally succeeded with a special act of Congress, has now lost his cat. Details on this story may be found on page 5.

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