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TO BE BUILT HERE . . . This architect's view shows the modern plant which will be erected south of Torrance Blvd. and west of Madrona for Coleman Engineering as the first unit in a research and development center being

developed by Del Amo Estates. Coleman officials described the company to members of the Chamber of Commerce here Tuesday.

TEAC Hears of High Schools

Riviera Sewer Bids Go Under City Estimates

An El Monte contractor was the apparent low bidder for the new Hollywood Riviera sewer district with a bid well below the engineer's estimate, City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop reported yesterday.

Charles L. Burch & Sons of El Monte bid \$276,888 for the 600-plus lot sewer installation to lead a field of 15 bidders. Bids ranged to a high of \$372,903, Bishop said.

The favorable bidding means that the cost to each Riviera homeowner in the district will be roughly \$75 less than previously reported, Councilman Bob Jahn, himself a resident in the district, commented after bids were received.

Bishop will report on the bids at the next Council meeting, May 21, and if in order, will recommend awarding of the contract that night. Construction should start shortly after the first of June.

Vandals Set Small Fires

Vandals who caused considerable damage at a Great Lakes Carbon Corp. warehouse at Madrona and Carson St., apparently put out some small fires they set, according to Torrance police and firemen.

Paper stacked on desks in the warehouse and calendars on the walls were set ablaze, officers reported. If the fires had been allowed to spread a potentially disastrous fire might have occurred, since adjoining buildings contained thousands of bags of diatomaceous earth products.

Dedication for New Wing On Torrance Hospital Set

Dedication of the new \$825,000 addition to the Torrance Memorial Hospital is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 26, according to Leonard A. Ensminger, administrator.

Completion of the new unit adjoining the original building on Encracia Ave. marks the fulfillment of a goal intended to help relieve some of the congestion created by the growth of Torrance. While the new addition actually provides only 38 more beds, surgical suites and other new facilities greatly increase the overall capacity of the hospital.

The problems of a school-parent exchange of information and of driver education on the high school level were presented at the Monday noon meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee. Principals Dale M. Harter, North High, and Bruce Mager, South High, discussed the ways in which schools attempt to let parents know the progress of their child. These included:

1. Parent conferences.
2. PTA meetings and group conferences.
3. Letters to parents in cases where the child has done outstanding work.
4. Calls to parents of children who are absent.
5. Reports in news letters, news releases, and the school newspaper.

Conferences Successful
Conferences with parents of ninth grade and upper grades students, like those held on the elementary school level, have proved quite successful, the two educators reported, and ways to improve the exchange of information between parents and students constantly are being sought.

Teachers Gerald Ronan and Harold Widney and Student Rosemary Hill told the audience that driver education is helping to make better drivers of high school students. "Many older drivers are just propelling the car down the road without hitting anything," Ronan said.

Taught Regulations
Students are taught traffic regulations, shown films in the correct way to drive, taught some of the functions of various parts of the car, and trained in driving the car. At the successful completion of the course, students receive a small card which entitles them to lower insurance rates from most companies.

The Carr Elementary School Primary Chorus presented a selection of music from Walt Disney movies.

MAYOR CLAIMS City-Chamber Relations Now At High Point

"Relations between the Chamber of Commerce and the city officials never have been better," Mayor Albert Isen declared in an informal visit to the regular semi-monthly board meeting Monday afternoon.

The mayor's visit was prompted by the controversy set off at last week's Council meeting when a majority of the Council voted to discontinue the practice of having a representative of the city appointed as a member of the Board of Directors. Councilman Willys Blount had been serving and his friends interpreted the move as being politically inspired.

"No Personalities"
"There are no personalities involved in this action. The majority of the council simply felt that it was no longer necessary to have a representative on the Board which has proved itself most competent to represent the city and to watch over the expenditures of city funds allocated for promotion. I don't care who would sit here in the event of a conflict vote, it would be impossible for it to be impersonal. It is inconceivable that a director can vote on a budget here and then vote again in the Council."

It was pointed out that former Councilman Mervin Schwab and Councilman Blount always had abstained from voting when a conflict of the city's interest was involved.

"I think the Chamber organization is now doing a fine job in every way," the mayor concluded.

Lewis Carrel Hearing Set Wednesday

Arraignment and pleas of Lewis Kemp Carrel, 27, 21505 Ocean Ave., in connection with the theft and passing of bad checks, will be held next Wednesday in Pasadena Superior Court, according to Pasadena detectives.

Carrel, formerly a teacher at WALTERIA School, was picked up at the school April 26 by Inglewood police in connection with the theft of checks from the P & M Cabinet Co., Inglewood. According to police, the checks were given to John J. Akers, 19, who passed them in the San Gabriel Valley. Akers also will face charges in Pasadena.

The two men were held to answer in Pasadena Municipal Court last week. Police said more than \$2600 in bad checks was passed by the pair.

Lomitan Dies After Crash With Patrol

Final rites will be held this morning for Julius Smith, 35, who died of burns suffered late Saturday when his car collided with a California Highway Patrol car at Figueroa St. and Lomita Blvd.

A resident at 213 Harbor Hills, Lomita, Smith succumbed at a Torrance hospital early Sunday. Services will be held at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary at 9 a.m. this morning. Burial will be at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego.

Attendants said Smith, a shipbuilding employe, received burns over 68 per cent of his body after his car burst into flames. Officers in the CHP vehicle received only slight injuries in the crash, since they had safety belts on, but received burns on their hands in removing Smith from the burning car.

Patrolmen said that they entered the intersection with lights flashing and siren on, but that Smith apparently failed to notice.

Smith's survivors include his widow, Betty Lou; three children: father, Dock Harold Smith; four sisters; and four brothers.

Chamber Backs Radio Station

A resolution support promoters of a proposed new radio station for Torrance was passed by the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Monday.

The 50-watt station will be

located in Torrance with transmitting facilities in Alondra Park. It would be known as Station KTOR and would be operated by Charles R. Bramlett.

Routine matters and committee reports occupied the board members. Director Walter Garbrant announced that the Torrance Chamber will be represented in the Alondra Park friendship festival by Sharon Smith. Queen of the event will be Colleen K. Tracy of Gardena; Joyce Barton of Torrance and Miss Smith were among four princesses selected.

Dinner Tickets Still Available For Annual Chamber Fete

Tickets may still be obtained for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce annual banquet next Thursday evening, May 23, Dinner Chairman Dick Pyle stated yesterday.

The annual affair will feature several highlights again this year—Torrance's "Distinguished Citizen" for 1956 will be announced and will receive the William Laughton-Grover C. Whyte trophy; Rev. Robert Richards, world champion pole vaulter, will make the main address of the evening, and new officers for the Chamber, headed by President A. E. "Tommy" Thompson, will be formally installed.

El Camino Taxes Up for Decision

College Seeking Expansion Funds

Torrance voters are being asked to carry the burden of insuring continuance of the current building program at El Camino College when they go to the polls tomorrow.

At stake is the 20-cent tax override, used during the past 10 years to build the modern college at the city's northern boundary without incurring one penny of bonded indebtedness.

With competing tax elections in most of the other districts supporting El Camino tomorrow, Torrance voters are being asked by El Camino trustees to "get out the vote" tomorrow between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. With the city's heavy registration, a big vote here could guarantee that El Camino could continue to build the needed classrooms and laboratories to meet the demands of area students.

Dabbs On Ballot
Board President Jack N. Dabbs, who is seeking re-election on tomorrow's ballot unopposed, told THE HERALD yesterday that the importance of a Torrance vote could not be overlooked.

The phenomenal growth of Torrance and its neighboring communities has contributed significantly to the upsurge in enrollment at the college, according to Board President Dabbs.

"To accommodate the great influx of students who are endeavoring to gain lower division work of their college education in the community, it is essential that facilities grow with registration," Dabbs said.

He pointed out that the building program will be paralyzed unless the continuation of the current tax rate is authorized.

A Local School
Administered by a board of trustees representing the five high school districts included in the college district, El Camino is a community college in administration as well as in function and intent.

The man whose idea started the college, and who still guides its administration is

21 Polling Places Open For Tomorrow's Election

Torrance voters will have 21 polling places tomorrow as they are called on to decide on a proposal for continuation of the 20-cent tax override for building projects at El Camino College, and to select a member of the board of trustees from this area. Jack N. Dabbs, member of the board from Torrance, is seeking re-election unopposed.

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow at the following locations:

- No. 1—Perry Elementary School.
- No. 2—Carr Elementary School.
- No. 3—Casimir Elementary School.
- No. 4—El Nido Elementary School.
- No. 5—North High School.
- No. 6—Arlington Elementary School.
- No. 7—Crenshaw Elementary School.
- No. 8—Steele Elementary School.
- No. 9—Sepulveda Elementary School.
- No. 10—Madrona Elementary School.
- No. 11—Fern Greenwood Elementary School.
- No. 12—Torrance High School.
- No. 13—Torrance Elementary School.

Pair 'Guilty' In Tax Case

Walter J. and Catherine Henry, operators of a Gardena ambulance service, pleaded guilty Friday to charges that they failed to file tax reports within the time required by the California Unemployment Insurance Code.

Judge John A. Shilder of South Bay Municipal Court sentenced the defendants to 10 days each in the County Jail, but suspended sentence and placed them on three years probation.



CAMPFIRE SCENE . . . Hundreds of Torrance boys will thrill to such campfire experiences as shown here when the YMCA inaugurates its summer camping program in July. Information on the summer program at the Torrance YMCA is now being compiled and is available to boys at the building, Plaza Del Amo and Arlington Ave., or by telephone.

\$7132 Raised For Charity By Teachers

Teachers in the Torrance Unified School District went over the \$7000 charity goal set this year and Tuesday presented the funds to various charities designated by the educators.

The \$7132 donated by the local teachers was divided among 13 charities and three scholarships to be announced later.

Torrance organizations receiving the largest amounts included the Community Chest, \$1777; YMCA, \$1015; Dental Health Fund, \$453; Torrance Memorial Hospital, \$458; Heart Fund, \$169; Red Cross, \$118; Muscular Dystrophy, \$119; Cerebral Palsy, \$137; Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, \$109; Mental Helath, \$130; Multiple Sclerosis, \$119; and American Cancer Society, \$137.

William B. Forrest, principal of El Nido School, is chairman of the public relations committee for the teachers.

PLANS READIED BY YMCA SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

A large number of Torrance boys will sit around campfires this summer in the eight sessions of Torrance YMCA Camps. Hundreds of boys are looking forward to Wampusti Day Camp during the month of July to three wonderful mountain camps for boys 9 to 12 and to three older boy "Y" caravans and pack trips to national parks.

Camps Set
The Torrance YMCA will operate camps starting the first Monday that school is out, June 17, with a trip to Sequoia, King's Canyon, Bass Lake, and Yosemite Valley, as well as other destinations in the High Sierras. Boys 12 to 15 will enjoy this early summer adventure of fishing, swimming, hiking, and sight-seeing.

The Wampusti YMCA Day Camp will run through the month of July and will provide camping experiences here at home for boys 8 to 12. Crafts, hiking, nature lore, archery, trips to Disneyland, the beach, and the mountains will make it a wonderful experience for younger boys.

Mountain Camps
Regular YMCA mountain camps will be operated for a week at a time during July, August, and the last camp will run until Sept. 14 . . . two days after school has started!

Older boys will be looking forward to two additional trips, one a back pack trip along the John Muir trail, the other a travel tour of Bryce, Zion, Hoover Dam, Indian country, and both rims of the Grand Canyon.

C. A. Stewart, chairman of the YMCA Camp Committee, stated that this ambitious camping schedule is the largest YMCA program in the area, and is a direct result of the successful YMCA campaign this spring.