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CITY PASSES 100,000 IN CENSUS

Mayor Happy As City Hits Magic Count

Torrance has passed the magical 100,000 mark it was reported here yesterday with the delivery of the preliminary census estimate for the 1960 federal count. The total: 100,603.

Mayor Albert Isen and City Manager George Stevens were on hand yesterday noon to receive the preliminary report from Robert S. Reese, district supervisor of the census.

It marked the first time Torrance has passed the 100,000 population mark in any official tabulations.

THE FINAL and official tabulation will not be available to the city until sometime later this year, probably October or November, Reese estimated.

The preliminary figure announced here by Reese yesterday is subject to revision, but was called a conservative figure by the census official. A recheck of enumerators' books, and inclusion of skipped reports can add to the figure, he indicated. Some books are still in the field, he said, although their totals are included in the 100,603 figure.

LARGEST segment of the city enumerated was Census Tract 338, which includes all of south Torrance west of Crenshaw and everything

west of Madrona and south of 190th St.

This area now contains 50,747 residents, the report shows.

Central Torrance, which is bounded by Sepulveda, Crenshaw, Carson, Madrona, 190th St., and Western Ave. contains 13,834 residents.

SOUTH TORRANCE area east of Crenshaw and south of Sepulveda contains 5331 residents, and the north Torrance area, east of Prairie Ave., contains 25,165.

The balance of the city, north of 190th St. and west of Prairie Ave., contains 5526 residents.

"THIS IS GREAT," Mayor Isen said. "Sure, we hoped to have more, but we wanted to be listed in all the almanacs and directories for the next 10 years as a city of 100,000 persons."

City Manager Stevens was obviously jubilant, also, that the city had gone over the 100,000-mark in an official tabulation.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"How do you feel about the proposal which has been made to combine all police forces of the county into one unit?"

Answering were:

Clark Morris, 18914 Wilton Pl., owner of Clark's Cleaners;

"I think a city the size of Torrance should have its own independent police force. With our own police department the officers probably would take more of a personal interest in our area, but then under the unitized system, we likely would have the same officers anyhow. I am well pleased with the present set-up. They patrol well now and we have good police protection."

C. McConville, 4820 Lenore St., steelworker;

"If they combine into one unit, then they would take the eligible men from all over the county to fill vacancies and that could ruin the chances of local residents trying for positions on the police force. Of course if they divided it into sections and only let those residing in that particular section try for the vacancy and make them serve in the section they reside in, it might be all right."

John McCain, 2310 W. 235th St., electrician for movie studios;

"If they combined into one unit, it would make a really big organization so it would cost more to operate and they would need more personnel. It would be a little hard unless they allocated the funds, so much for each section. The police should be able to respond to a call for help regardless of the location so that all areas get equal protection, regardless of whether it's a sheriff or a patrolman, as long as some help is sent. It might work out better in the long run though."

D. J. Thomsen, 1447 El Prado Ave., accountant;

"We've discussed consolidation of the police departments and doing away with the police chiefs in each city, but my biggest objection against it is the inefficiency in a big organization, which it would become, and the politically small areas such as we are here in Torrance would only get the left overs. It would help those who do not have efficient police protection but those of us who do would suffer in proportion."

Bid to Quash Penalty For Fireman Fails

A Civil Service Commission recommendation that Fireman Richard DeArmitt be suspended for one week for allegedly engaging in active political campaigning during the recent municipal election campaign was upheld indirectly by a narrow margin on the city council Tuesday night.

With one councilman absent and another abstaining from the vote, the council voted 3-2

to file without action the recommendation of the commission.

VOTING TO file were Councilmen J. A. Beasley, George Bradford, and Albert Isen. Opposing the motion were Nicholas O. Dralle and George Vico. Victor Benstead abstained from the voting, and Willys Blount was absent.

The vote came after a move to concur and affirm the findings and recommendation failed on a 3-3 vote, with Benstead joining the opponents.

"IF THE MAN was to be disciplined, he should have been told the day he put the stickers on, not after the election," Dralle said in opposing the week's suspension of the fireman.

"I am sympathetic," Mayor Isen said. "This case was tried in the press and pre-judged by at least one councilman," he added.

"The rules prohibiting the participation of public employees in political elections are founded in sound public policies," the mayor continued.

"THE FEDERAL government has the Hatch Act, the state has a little Hatch Act, and the city has a charter. The policy is common to the United States," he said.

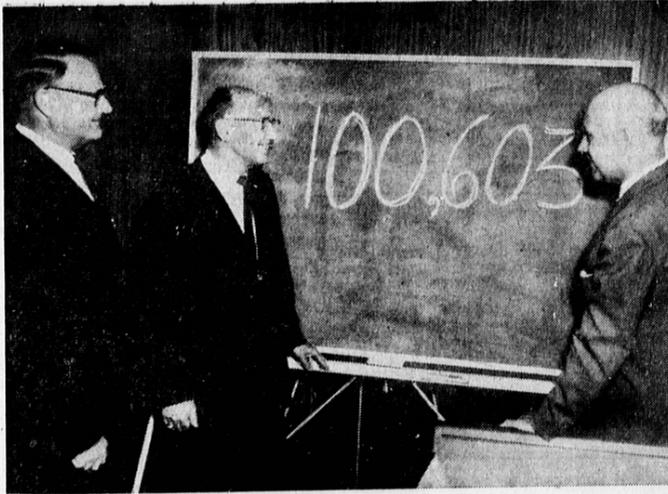
"The best thing here is to affirm and concur with the civil service commission," he said.

"We'd better abide by the rules if we're going to have them," Vico said. "I hate to punish a man, but you've got to do something."

LATER HE suggested that the Council "think this thing over."

A suggestion that a type of probation be imposed in lieu of the suspension was made by Beasley, but was given a cool reception by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier who said it might not be possible, "but would be impracticable."

Although several firemen were in the council chambers during the discussion, DeArmitt did not attend the meeting.



GETTING THE WORD . . . City Manager George Stevens (left) and Mayor Albert Isen check as Robert S. Reese, assistant supervisor of the census, writes down the preliminary census count for Torrance—100,603. "We just had to make that 100,000 figure," Mayor Isen beamed. Reese indicated the final figures could be higher. (Herald Photo)

Petition to Incorporate Dominguez-Carson on File

A plan to incorporate a 30-square mile area east of Torrance in the Carson-Dominguez communities was revealed Tuesday with the filing of an official notice with the County Boundary Commission.

Jack Carpenter, Dominguez

insurance executive, and 31 other residents signed the notice of intention to circulate petitions for incorporation.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES of the proposed city would be Los Angeles on the west and south, Los Angeles and Long Beach on the east, and Compton and 166th St. on the north. An estimated 55,000 persons live in the proposed city area.

The application will go before the boundary commission next Wednesday, and if found valid, the proponents will have 90 days to collect signatures of 25 per cent of the property owners, which must represent at least 25 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property within the boundaries of the proposed city.

AN INCORPORATION election early in 1961 is the goal of the city backers in the area.

Included in the area, tentatively called "Dominguez," are a number of substantial industries, about 15,000 dwelling units, and large areas of undeveloped land. It could be among the largest cities in area in the county, possibly could be among the county's larger cities in population.

COMMUNITY leaders working with Carpenter on the incorporation committee include Don Brock, L. O. Griffiths, Jack Henry, Keith Orr, Ed Reeves Sr., and Earl Swanson.

Measles Lead in City Ills

Measles won the disease derby by three lengths in Torrance for the week ending May 21, the County Health Department has reported.

A total of 10 cases of measles were reported to the local health center from the city during that week, while mumps trailed with seven cases reported. Others diseases listed included four cases of scarlet fever, two cases of meningitis and one each of epilepsy and syphilis.

THROUGHOUT Los Angeles County, a total of 461 cases of measles were reported for the same week, below the 473 reported for the preceding week and well below the five-year median of 586 cases for the week.

Mumps, with 208 cases reported in the county, were running ahead of last week's 171 cases and ahead of the 1955-59 median of 119 cases.

State Logs High Sales Gains Here

Taxable retail sales in Torrance increased 41.4 per cent in 1959 over the year 1958, it was announced in Sacramento this week by Richard Nevins, Fourth District Member of the State Board of Equalization.

Reporting sales of \$99,858,000 in 1959, Nevins said the amount represented more than \$29,000,000 increase over the \$70,607,000 reported for Torrance in 1958.

Other Los Angeles County cities showing heavy commercial gains during the year 1959 included La Puente, 61.3 per cent to a sales gross of \$12,624,000; Industry, 51.6 per cent to \$39,458,000; El Monte, 48.3 per cent to \$65,019,000; and Santa Fe Springs up 45.7 per cent to \$41,075,000.

Local Firms Get AF Jobs

Contracts totaling more than \$250,000 have been awarded to two Torrance firms, it was learned here this week.

Strato - Safety Equipment Corp. has been awarded a contract to supply 64,300 tube assemblies for the Air Force's Oklahoma Air Materiel Center for \$224,530.

Sprague Engineering Corp. received a contract to supply 500 hydro pneumatic pressure accumulators for aircraft to the center at a contract price of \$26,270.

New Rescue Truck

Placement of a new rescue truck at County Fire Station No. 6 in Lomita was announced yesterday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Baccalaureate Services Scheduled Sunday

Baccalaureate programs for some 900 Torrance seniors will be held on Sunday afternoon on the respective campuses, preceding the formal graduation ceremonies which will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, on the respective campuses.

Torrance High's baccalaureate will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, while the North and South ceremonies will be held at 4 p.m.

The North High baccalaureate will be in the N.H.S. Stadium, with the Rev. Maynard Midthun, pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, as principal speaker. The Rev. Clifford Tierney also will be on the program. He is pastor of the South Bay Church of God. The N.H.S. band, led by Robert Jones,

and the choir and glee club, led by Mrs. Lyda Willis, also will take part.

SOUTH HIGH'S first graduating class will hold baccalaureate in the gymnasium. Rev. William G. Schatz, Seaside Community Church, and the Rev. William Roderer, First Lutheran Church, will appear on the program.

The Torrance High rites will be in the auditorium, with Dr. J. C. Brumfield, South Bay Baptist Church, speaking. Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, First Methodist Church, also will take part. Solos will be sung by Charlotte McComas and Carol Johnson.

The first of several graduation ceremonies will be held when School Board

President Walter A. Garrabrant awards diplomas to 196 graduates of Torrance Evening High School next Monday, June 6, in ceremonies to be held at the Torrance High School Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Adults, ranging in age from 17 to 52, will get diplomas they were not able to get in regular classes, but earned through attending night school. Average age of the 114 men and 82 women is 28 years.

Garrabrant and School Superintendent J. H. Hull will officiate at the ceremonies, with Principal R. E. Collins making the presentation.

Christian Church, will give the invocation.

Speaker of the evening will be the Rev. Hugh Percy, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Torrance. He will discuss the importance of education.

Of the graduates, 139 are married and the group has a total of 254 children and 17 grandchildren. They have lived in Torrance an average of six years. Fifty-seven are veterans and the group represents 42 different states and three foreign countries.

College or further education is the aim of 109 graduates.

The class includes six husbands and wives, one set of twins, one father and daughter, and two women whose

husbands previously graduated from adult school.

ALL THREE high school graduations will be at 8 p.m. Thursday. At North High, Mrs. Grace Wright and Joseph Arnold, school board members will hand out some 350 diplomas, with Personnel Director Robert Morton.

The first graduating class at South High, 325 strong, will get their diplomas from William C. Boswell and Clinton Cooke, board members, and Superintendent J. H. Hull.

Officiating at Torrance High where 240 graduates are expected will be Board President Walter Garrabrant and Assistant Superintendent Albert N. Posner.

\$7 Million Budget Given Council, No Tax Increase

A budget estimate calling for expenditures of \$7,101,229 during the fiscal year beginning next July 1 has been submitted to the council by City Manager George Stevens.

The city manager's proposed budget, which will be worked over by the councilman privately and in public hearings June 8 and 14, is the largest ever submitted for operation of the city. It is nearly \$1 million larger than the current budget of \$6,277,161.

While the total tax rate of \$1.288 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation would be maintained, the rate reflects a 3-cent rise in employee retirement costs which offsets reductions of 2.6 cents in the

general fund rate and .04 cents in the bond interest and retirement rate.

INCLUDED in the budget estimate are budgets for the city's proprietary departments, airport, water and bus, which operate largely on their own revenues.

Largest share of the budget will go to the public works department which will get \$2,098,722 to operate the planning, engineering, building, traffic and lighting, street, and park divisions.

THE POLICE department would get \$914,658; the fire department \$749,478, and the recreation department \$319,792 in the city manager's recommended allocations.

In his statement to the council presenting the budget, Stevens reported that the estimate provided for 47 new employees throughout the city. He indicated that the number represented "the necessary number of employees to be added if the city is to be able to maintain its present

Dental Health Assn. to Elect

The annual meeting of the Torrance Dental Health Assn. will be held at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Encinera Ave., beginning at 6:30 this evening.

Reports of the operation of the organization during the past year will be made by Executive Secretary Mildred McBee at the dinner meeting attended by sponsors, dentists, and guests.

Election of officers for 1960-61 year will highlight the evening's agenda.

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