

Hugh Growth in Torrance-Southwest Seen by 1980

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GIRL STRANGLERED BY MOTHER; MAN FOUND BEATEN TO DEATH

A Penny for your Thoughts

What do you think of continuing school on a 12-month basis? was the question the Pennies Photographer asked Torrance shoppers this week.

Mrs. William Warner, 223 39th St., Manhattan Beach:

"I think it's a good idea because I wish I had more education. I have three pre-school children who might be able to cram in a few more courses, like language, that they might not be able to take otherwise."

Mrs. Richard McCallon, 2612 183rd St., Redondo Beach:

"I'm all for it. I think summer is just a waste of time as far as studies are concerned. I have three daughters and two sons and families like ours don't take lengthy vacations. Before the summer is over the small children don't know what to do with themselves."

Mrs. Bob Leal, of Entradero St.:

"There are pros and cons. I think the children should have three months but not necessarily in the summer. Some children have jobs which won't allow them to get away during the summer months. Most people take their vacations during the summer because that's when their children are out of school."

Thomas Stevens, 816 N. Irena St., Redondo Beach:

"I'm against it. Families would not be able to plan any trips. It is hard enough to get students to go to school nine months out of the year. If they were required to go year around they would probably start ditching classes."

Mrs. George Cookinson, 4929 Avada St.:

"I don't think I'd like it because children need the exercise and fresh air they get during the summer. Also the summer vacation gives them a chance to be with their families more than usual. Summer is the time for family vacation trips, beach trips, and other family outings."

Torrance Area Population Boom Mapped

Torrance-Southwest area population will soar well over the million mark by 1980, a forecast prepared by the Regional Planning Commission stated this week.

The report handed to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday set the 1980 population for the area at 1,363,000. If true, it would reflect a 42 per cent gain over current population, the report said.

All phases of the area's development was covered in the 62-page, illustrated report. Industry, commerce, housing, recreation, and education factors were studied and booms predicted on all fronts.

THE REPORT has been cited during the past week during argument over rezoning of the 155-acre Marble property here to permit construction of homes.

Torrance will have a population of 160,000 by 1980, the planners predicted. High density population developments were predicted along the ocean fronts, while the least density was forecast for the Peninsula area.

OTHER HIGH density areas foreseen by the planners would be around the Del Amo Shopping Center and in the older areas of the Torrance - Southwest where apartment construction would be feasible.

The report, in preparation for about a year, covers each of the 180 square miles of the Southwest from Inglewood to San Pedro.

AMONG HIGHLIGHTS of the report is a note that no air pollution problem is foreseen for the area.

Detailed studies of the report are now under way by city officials, and a meeting with the Regional Planning Commission has been called Friday to discuss the findings.

Many Changes in Vehicle Laws in Force Tomorrow

The speed limit for passenger vehicles pulling trailers has been raised to 50 miles per hour. A driver who is convicted of a second or subsequent time for operating a vehicle while his license is revoked, suspended or has been refused will receive a mandatory jail sentence. No open container of an alcoholic beverage may be carried in a vehicle.

These and a host of other changes in California's Vehicle Code will go into effect Friday, California Highway Patrol Commissioner Brandford M. Crittendon said yesterday.

OF PARTICULAR interest to thousands of drivers is the provision raising from 45 to 50 miles per hour the maximum speed limit for passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles weighing less than 4000 pounds while pulling trailers.

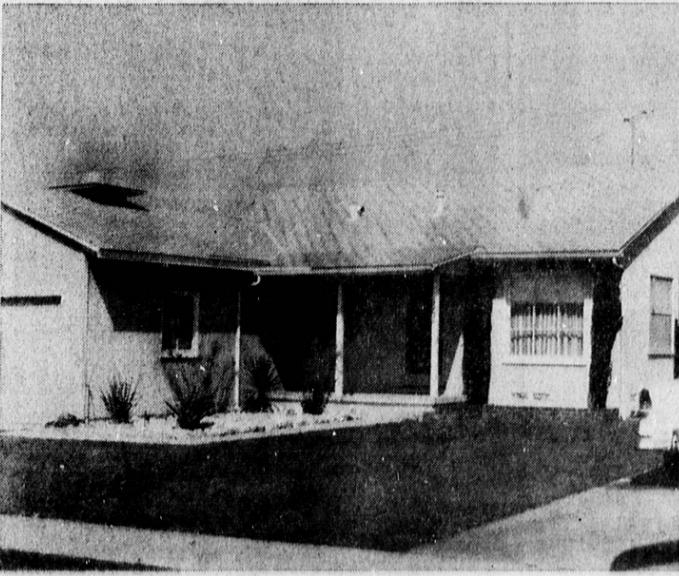
"The 'open bottle' laws now make it a misdemeanor to drink alcoholic beverages in a vehicle, or to possess or store an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle."

OTHER CODE changes which affect the motoring public include: A provision prohibiting the placement of any material, including such products as spray-on tints, upon the windshield or in a position to reduce the driver's view through the windshield. A provision restricting issuance of commercial plates to station wagons unless such vehicles are used or maintained primarily for transportation of property.

A PROVISION that snow tread tires may be used on the two drive wheels of a vehicle rather than all four wheels.



MURDER VICTIM . . . A deputy county coroner bends over the body of Charles J. B. Miller, 45, of 1730 Stanford St., north Redondo Beach, while Torrance and sheriff's department investigators look on. Miller's body was found yesterday morning on the grounds of West High School which is under construction. (Herald Photo)



SLAYING SCENE . . . This home, at 19316 Donora Ave., in a quiet north Torrance residential area was the scene of tragedy yesterday. It's occupant, Mrs. Matilda Clemenson, was booked by police on suspicion of murder after she told police she strangled her five-year-old daughter. (Herald Photo)

Police Seek Slayer of Redondo Man

Police yesterday booked Mrs. Matilda Clemenson, 37, of 19316 Donora Ave. on suspicion of murder after they said she admitted strangling her five-year-old daughter. It was the second slaying reported to Torrance police within an eight-hour period.

The little girl was dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Police, who were called to the North Torrance home by neighbors, applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation but to no avail.

The Clemensons have one other daughter, 13 years old.

THE BODY of a 45-year-old murder victim was found earlier yesterday on the grounds of West High School under construction at Victor and Spencer Sts.

Police have identified the victim as Charlie J. B. Miller, 45, of 1730 Stanford St., north Redondo Beach. He was found about 6:30 by John Lyles of Los Angeles, a roofer on the construction project.

MILLER WAS found laying in an open area close to an industrial arts classroom under construction. Police said he had been dead since shortly after midnight. The victim had no wallet or identification on him but police learned his identity through police booking records.

Two \$1 bills were found on the body. Miller was found laying on his back, arms outstretched. He was not wearing a shirt but the shirt was found laying on the ground near his head.

Rezoning Adopted

Final approval of an ordinance rezoning 155 acres of industrial land near Crenshaw Blvd. and 230th St. was voted by a 4-3 margin of the city Council Tuesday night, and opponents immediately said they would begin circulating referendum petitions in an effort to place the matter on the April ballot.

Opposition by Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen George Vico and Victor Benstead was overcome by the votes of J. A. Beasley, Willys Blount, George (Continued on Page 3)

Schools Reopen In City

Torrance schools, relatively quiet during recent months, came to life yesterday as approximately 29,000 youngsters took up their books again to begin the 1961-62 school year.

A record number of teachers were on hand to greet the record number of students. The teachers began classes with a reminder from Superintendent J. H. Hull that it was "a year of change" in Torrance.

IN A TALK to teachers Monday afternoon, Dr. Hull reminded the staff of nearly 1000 teachers that the School Board had spoken on several subjects, including patriotism, discipline, cheating in the classroom, economy, multi-grades, organization, health, and salaries.

He advised teachers that there "is more than one effective way of doing things in any field, including education."

CHANGE CAN mean growth, he emphasized.

He also warned teachers against an "anemic sort of belief in American attitudes which says 'We've got to look at both sides.'"

There are things about which we can be biased, he said. He pointed out such things as America and Americanism.

"WE MUST teach anti-communism for national survival," he said. "We must not leave it up to the students to make up his own mind from the so-called facts."

Others participating in Monday's program were Dr. A. N. Posner, S. E. Waldrip, Dr. Louis Kaplan, and Dr. Robert Morton.

Two Children In Accidents

Two children suffered injuries Monday afternoon in separate accidents.

Paul F. Cloud, 7, of 5429 Calle Mayor, was treated at Riviera Hospital for bruises, abrasions, a broken collar bone and an injured left foot after his bicycle tangled with a car driven by Thomas A. Vagenas, 40, of 3316 W. 185th St. The accident occurred about 2:15 p.m. in front of 23409 Shady-croft Ave.

Nine-year-old John McCabe of 16823 Elgar Ave. suffered cuts, bruises and abrasions when he was struck by a car about 3:10 p.m. on Crenshaw Blvd. just north of 174th St. The youth was reportedly knocked about 15 feet after he ran across Crenshaw Blvd. in

front of the car driven by Jack I. Weinstein, 54, of 2426 W. Compton Blvd., Gardena. The boy was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Weather

	High	Low
Sunday	80	57
Monday	80	58
Tuesday	74	52
Wednesday	76	56

West High Cornerstone Ceremonies Set Friday

Cornerstone ceremonies at the new West High School will be conducted by the California Grand Lodge of Masons here beginning at 4:30 p.m. Friday, it was announced this week by George C. Powell, master of the Torrance Masonic Lodge.

Deputy Grand Master Guy B. Mize, who will become the grand master of California Masons later this month, will officiate at ceremonies in which a cornerstone and crypt for historical data will be put into place.

The stone and crypt is being furnished by the Torrance Masonic lodge, according to Powell.

The ceremonies will begin at 3 p.m. tomorrow when a session of Grand Lodge will be opened in the Masonic Temple at Cabrillo and Plaza Del Amo.

The dignitaries will go by procession to the West High School site at Spencer and Victor for the 4:30 p.m. ceremonies. A large number of local Masonic officials in addition to school and city officials and other civic leaders are expected to attend tomorrow's festivities.

This will mark the first time a public school in Torrance has had such a ceremony, although many other California schools and public buildings, including the State Capitol, have cornerstones laid in Masonic ceremonies.

Following official ceremonies at the high school site, the dignitaries will return to the Torrance lodge for dinner, Powell said.

Tomorrow's ceremonies at the school are open to the public, Powell emphasized.