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# BURGLARS HIT CITY FIRMS

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"Do you think Torrance or South Bay areas have smog?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

**Bill Davenport, Gardena:**  
"Yes I do. You can see it downtown from here all the time. We naturally don't have it here that bad. I know I would never move closer to downtown than we are right now. During the last hot spell, it was thick and heavy."

**Mrs. Sheldon Goldenson, 4742 Bindewald Rd.:**  
"I think we have it but on rare occasions, like when it's hot. I don't feel smog here is a problem. I just love Torrance the way it's built up and the lack of much smog."

**Mrs. Erick Lindgren, 22602 Kathryn:**  
"Yes, at times I think it does have some. I think we have some factories or plants in the area that contribute to the smog. I wouldn't live anywhere else because we don't get anywhere near what they get elsewhere."

**Mrs. D. J. Gleason, 433 Via Colusa:**  
"Just on rare occasions. I've noticed it just three or four times here in Hollywood Riviera since we have lived here. We have lived here seven years. Even in driving around Torrance I really haven't noticed any."

**Mrs. John Slater, Manhattan Beach:**  
"I don't think so. Very rarely. If you ever go downtown on a smoggy day you know what I mean. It's no problem in the South Bay area at all. I live in Manhattan Beach and have seen it there once in a while."

**Attend Convention**  
Maureen Jacques and Kathleen Meyer represented Marymount College at the recent convention of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. in San Francisco.

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### College Property Effected

An ordinance which would ban all future oil well drilling in the city, outlaw secondary recovery operations, and force operators to bury presently used pumping equipment is scheduled for final adoption before the City Council at its 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday.

The ordinance was approved in a surprise move Wednesday night by the City Council, meeting one day late because of the Lincoln's Birthday holiday.

WHILE THE ordinance was proposed to abate a health and welfare unisance, it was generally agreed that the new law would have a marked impact on the price Santa Fe has set on property at Crenshaw and Sepulveda which is being sought by city officials as a site for a new four-year state college.

The HERALD learned late yesterday that informal talks had opened which may lead to getting California's oil industry behind Torrance's bid to secure the four-year college here.

"Some unofficial discussion has taken place, and it should lead us somewhere," The HERALD was told.

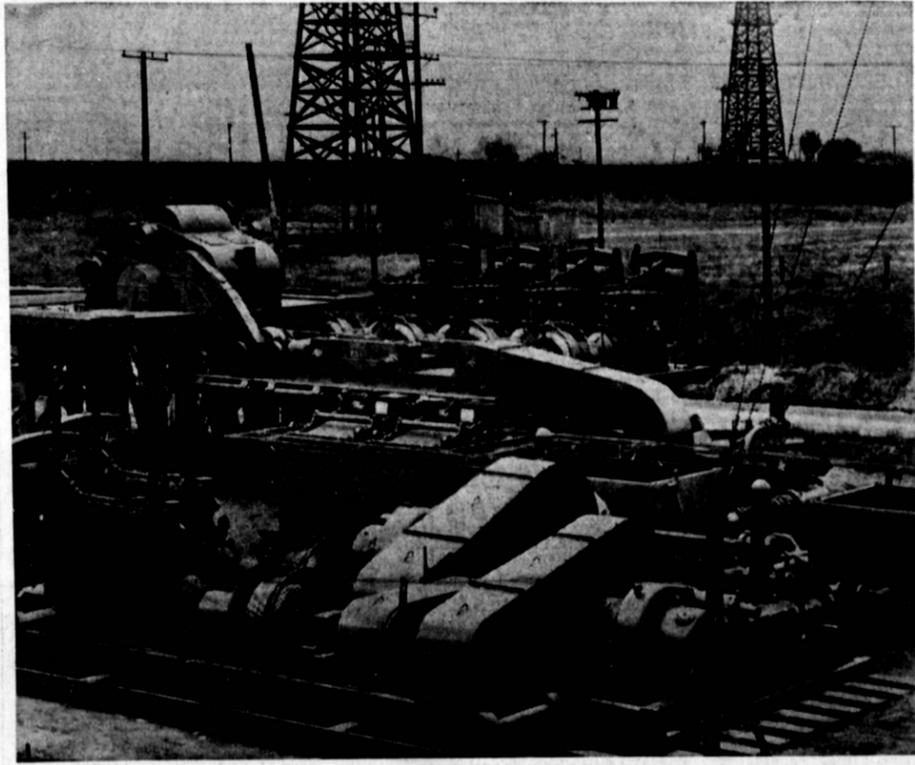
IN COMMENTING on the proposed ordinance before its first approval Wednesday night, Mayor Isen referred to pig farms which were once the center of controversy in the city. He added that dairies now were under fire, and that oil wells were the next logical step in cleaning up the county's fastest growing city.

Other matters scheduled before Tuesday's 5:30 p.m. meeting include opening of bids for the city's \$425,000 airport revenue bond issue and awarding of the bid. Funds to be derived from the bond sale will be used to finance extensive improvements at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Neon "walk-don't walk" pedestrian signals will soon be installed at Carson and Main streets in the Carson area. Carson and Main streets, both county Master Plan Highways, carry a daily average of 33,000 vehicles.

Nationally honored civic worker Dick Fitzgerald will be the keynote speaker at the Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Award banquet in March.

### Heading Underground



SLATED TO GO . . . Drilling sites such as this will disappear with the final adoption of an ordinance slated for Tuesday night's meeting of the City Council. Under terms of the ordinance approved at its first reading Wednesday night, no new oil wells could be drilled in the city and existing pumping equipment would have to go underground.

## Torrance Paces County in Growth, Reaches 115,000

Torrance continued to be the fastest growing city in Los Angeles County for the second

straight year during 1962, figures compiled by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission revealed this week.

With a gain of 5,114 residents during the year, Torrance outpaced the other 73 cities of the sprawling Los Angeles County area, showing a net gain of 4.7 per cent, slightly above the 4.2 per cent it logged to win the 1961 growth derby.

Torrance reached a population of 115,083 as of last Jan. 1, according to the report, it remained fifth in the county in size, but closed the gap on Pasadena, which holds the No. 4 spot with a population of 120,202.

### Street Work Considered

Property owners in the vicinity of Kenwood Avenue in Torrance have been authorized to circulate petitions for assessment district street improvements.

The project provides for construction of curbs, gutters, driveways and drain facilities along Kenwood Avenue between 204th and 208th Streets. The authorization has come from the county Board of Supervisors.

TORRANCE could become the fourth city of the county by 1964, it was indicated. Pasadena added slightly more than 1,000 persons last year.

Other Southwest cities showed substantial gains with Inglewood maintaining its second place in growth with an increase of 3.8 per cent. Inglewood logged 4.1 per cent growth in 1961 to hold its second place behind Torrance.

AT THE OTHER end of the scale is the tiny city of Vernon which has a total population of 208. It nosed out Bradbury with 693 and Industry with 765 for the bottom spot.

Total county population was placed at 6,491,871 as of Jan. 1, a gain of 159,333 during the

year and nearly half a million more than was shown on the 1960 federal census.

Torrance area cities shown in the Regional Planning Commission report included Gardena, 40,566; Hawthorne, 39,131; Hermosa Beach, 17,089; Inglewood, 81,285; Lawndale, 24,420; Manhattan Beach, 34,685; Palos Verdes Estates, 11,133; Redondo Beach, 50,477; Rolling Hills, 1,841; Rolling Hills Estates, 4,786; and Santa Monica, 86,129.

### Music Store Hit Hardest By Thieves

A thief with a musical bent took enough guitar equipment from a Torrance music store during the night to start his own band, Torrance police were told Friday. Musical instruments valued at more than \$1,000 were taken from the Marshall Music Co., 2509 Torrance Blvd., store officials reported.

Among the items taken were three guitars valued at more than \$200 each, and an amplifier with a value of about \$150. Also taken was more than \$228 in cash.

#### In 6 Minutes

Thieves gained entrance to the store by breaking in the glass door in the front of the building.

### Traffic Crashes Hurt 3

A thief ripped open a screen to gain entrance to the Plywood Manufacturing Co., 2201 Dominguez St., stole a box of hand tools with a total value in excess of \$400.

Three accidents within a six-minute period early yesterday sent three persons to the hospital for treatment of injuries, one of them later making the trip to Torrance jail where he was booked as a drunken driver.

Another thief entered a service station at 2150 W. Artesia Blvd. and took eight automobile tires with a value exceeding \$150, police were told Friday.

Police were first called to an accident at Torrance Boulevard and Ocean Avenue at 2:19 a.m. Saturday where Martin L. Andreassen, 31, of Redondo had struck a parked car with a pickup truck he was driving, sending the parked car into a power pole.

### 331 Students Get Excellent Citizen Award

Three hundred and thirty-one students at Torrance High School have been named Excellent Citizens by their teachers for the first semester.

POLICE REPORTED that Andreassen apparently escaped without injury.

The freshman class led with 102 of its members on the list. In second place were the juniors with 89. Sophomores claimed third place with 80, and 60 seniors were chosen.

While answering the call on Torrance Boulevard, a police unit observed an accident at 2:22 a.m. at Prairie Avenue and Artesia Boulevard and asked other units to answer the first call.

### Zone Change Hearing Set

A petition for zone change on 5.5 acres of land southeast of the intersection of South Water Street and 213th Street will be the subject of a public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission in the Hall of Records on Feb. 26.

John Bernard Fitzpatrick, 38, an aircraft company toolman, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of injuries and then booked at Torrance jail for drunken driving after his car collided with one driven by Robert S. Deans, 45, of Lakewood.

The hearing, to determine the feasibility of changing the present M-1-20,000 zone to R-A-5,500 has been scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

MORRIS POWERS, 55, Long Beach, a passenger in the Deans car, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of minor facial lacerations.

### Must Register by Thursday For School Bond Election

The citizens of Torrance are reminded that Thursday will be the last day they may register for voting in the school election which is to be held on April 16. At this election the registered voters of Torrance will be asked to decide on the passing of an \$8 million bond issue for the public schools.

A third accident, logged at 2:25 a.m., brought police to the scene of a crash in front of 4806 Carnlynn at the intersection of Ingram Way.

According to officials of the Torrance Unified School District, including the members of the board of education, the passing of the bond issue is necessary if enough classrooms are to be provided for the ever-growing number of children entering the Torrance schools.

Police said Michael Louis Koster, 21, of Hermosa Beach had apparently fallen asleep at the wheel of his car and bounced over the sidewalk and into a power pole. He was treated at the Little Company of Mary Hospital for facial lacerations and an abraded knee.

## Jaycees Pick Awards Speaker

Judges from government, religious and the professional realm will be special guests at the dinner.

one of the five outstanding Young Men in California in 1959 and of El Segundo in 1949. This award is given by the Jaycees.

Applicants must be 35 years of age or under and either work or reside in Torrance.

In 1959 Fitzgerald was manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and was instrumental in Torrance receiving the first national recognition award given by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to a California Chamber.

He also has a life membership in Junior Chamber International, California and New Mexico Jaycees.

The decision of the judges will be based on the service to the community the individual has contributed to Torrance in 1962. Junior Chamber members are not eligible for this award.

Fitzgerald has held many national Jaycee offices. He was vice president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, president of the California Jaycees, director of the U. S. Jaycees for four years, president of the El Segundo local of Jaycees, and winner of

Fitzgerald will speak on the reason the five young men were chosen and what it takes to be selected a D.S.A. winner. Nominations for the D.S.A. honor were submitted by industry, government, civic organizations, and the general public. The nomination blanks may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office at 2204 Torrance Blvd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reservations for the banquet must be made one week prior to the event. The banquet will begin at 7:30 p.m. For reservations contact James Ackroyd at 371-4381 after 5 p.m. Additional information on the D.S.A. banquet or any Jaycee activity may be obtained from Ackroyd.

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