

# Rezoning in Victor Tract Area Granted

City councilmen cleared the way for residential development of a two block area east of Hawthorne Avenue Tuesday evening when they voted to rezone a large section between Spencer and Emerald streets for apartments.

Acting on a recommendation by the city's Planning Commission, councilmen voted to approve the R-3 and R-1 zoning for the area bounded by Spencer and Emerald streets and Amie Avenue, east of Hawthorne Avenue. The new map left a strip fronting on Amie Avenue between Spencer and Garnet streets for single family homes.

FRONTAGE ON Hawthorne Avenue in the area is already heavily developed as commercial property.

The rezoning ended a study of the area directed by the Planning Commission. The study included several requests from property owners for R-3 zoning on their lots.

The Planning Commission had asked the city to consider a new study in the area "for possible use of high-rise sometime in the future."

IN OTHER planning matters, the council heard the new ordinance establishing height limitations in the area surrounding Torrance Municipal Airport explained, although no action was taken on the ordinance.

The new ordinance, which airport manager Jack Egan and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier have been working on for nearly four years, will limit the height of structures in the turning area, approach zones, and take-off areas of the airport. The general area is about three miles in diameter from the center of the airport.

If adopted, the ordinance would apply federal aviation agency formulas to compute the maximum allowable height of any building within the turning zone, and would in no case permit a building more than 150 feet above the elevation of the airport.

SINCE THE airport elevation is about 100 feet, no building could exceed a height of 250 feet above sea level. Other formulas apply to the approach and take-off zones. Egan said there are no "offending structures in the area at this time."



DRIVER HURT . . . John L. Scott, driver of the auto in this crash Tuesday, was in good condition yesterday at Little Company of Mary Hospital where he was taken after his car and the huge gravel truck driven by Jolly Edward Fuguay, 40, of Covina, collided at Sepulveda and Pennsylvania Avenue. The 28-year-old Scott lives at 1037 W. 213th. (Herald Photo)

## Mrs. Gerard Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for May Catherine Gerard of 1229 1/2 Portola Ave. were held Wednesday at the Halverson-Leavell Chapel with the Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Mrs. Gerard died Saturday in a Torrance hospital.

She was born in New York on July 3, 1900 and had lived in California for 26 years and in Torrance for three years. She was the mother of Evelyn Stillwell, classified advertising manager of The HERALD.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Gerard is survived by two brothers, Edward McGowan of New York and William McGowan of Washington, D. C., and two grandchildren. Interment in Pacific Crest Cemetery followed Wednesday's services.

## GEORGE W. SATTERFIELD

Graveside services for George W. Satterfield, 76, of 816 Washington Ave., Hawthorne, were held Monday at Inglewood Park Cemetery. Nilands Torrance Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Satterfield, who was born in Pennsylvania, died Jan. 14 in a Los Angeles hospital. He had lived in the area since 1934.

Survivors include his widow, Amelia, and a son, William Satterfield of Redondo Beach.

## RUDOLF SINCIC

Requiem mass will be celebrated tomorrow at 9 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church for Rudolf Sincic, 76, of 5602 Ruby St. Rosary will be said at Nilands Torrance Mortuary at 8:30 tonight.

A resident of Torrance for the past year, Mr. Sincic was born in Austria. He died in a Torrance hospital.

Surviving Mr. Sincic are his widow, Caroline; a brother, Ralph Sincic of Redondo Beach; and a sister, Ana Rubisich of Redondo Beach.

Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Marine Pvt. David L. Dickinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickinson of 20511 Wayne Ave., is attending Aviation Electrician's Mate School at the Naval Air Technical Training Unit, Jacksonville, Fla. He will complete the 22-week course next April.

## ... Schools

(Continued from Page 1) ents, trustees, and administrators. An example is the elementary school progress report, a thorn in the sides of many for years. That thorn was removed two years ago with a return to letter grades for the elementary pupils.

WHAT OF THE second half of Waldrip's contention — the price?

Statistics compiled by the County Superintendent of Schools suggest the price is one of the lowest in the county. Comparisons between school districts are difficult, to say the least, but they can give a general picture of the state of things.

Torrance spends about \$429 per year on each of its students. That amount is \$50 a year below the average of all county school districts. But averages are often misleading and confusing.

A close look at four other districts in Los Angeles County provides a better basis for comparison. Long Beach, Glendale, Burbank, and Pasadena come closest of the 36 unified districts to Torrance in the ratio of elementary students to high school students in the district. The four districts operate on a junior high school plan, so costs are up slightly more than in Torrance, due largely to extra plants.

NEVERTHELESS, the figures are revealing. Burbank spends \$510 per year on each student; Pasadena averages \$592 per student; Long Beach spends \$484 per student; and Glendale averages \$467. All nearer the county average than is Torrance, and all have heavier administrative costs than does the Torrance District.

Efforts to trim the Torrance budget have been fruitful in the past, and the vigil is still being kept. More than \$1 million has been cut in the past years, despite the addition of new programs and the expansion of older ones.

Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president of El Camino College, summarized the findings when he said, "We don't break our students into districts for records, but we do know the graduates of the Torrance schools do very well. We have many Torrance students on advanced placement programs, and they do very well."

We found little dissent among the community about the quality of the product which the

## Golden West Plans Treat For Visitors

As many as 4,000 visitors are expected Saturday when the Golden West Meat Co., 224 1/2 Hawthorne Ave., offers free hot dogs and coffee to the public to "get acquainted."

Co-owner Fred Beck said Saturday's celebration would be under way from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A catering truck will be in the Hawthorne Avenue parking lot to help store personnel serve visitors, Beck said.

"A get acquainted sale is now in progress and folks may want to visit our fine store and take advantage of a delicious hot dog and low sale prices at the same time," Beck said.

## Homeowners To Discuss Improvements

The Carson Homeowners Assn. will meet at Carson High School tonight at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the oral arts room of the school, located at 223rd Street and S. Main Street.

A member of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's staff will attend the meeting to discuss steps which must be taken to form assessment districts for improvement of local neighborhoods.

All property owners in the Carson area have been invited to attend. Members of the supervisor's staff will answer questions after the formal program.

## Council Approves Left Turn Arrow

An expenditure of \$3,250 from the city's gas tax funds was approved Tuesday by the City Council for modifications to a signal at Hawthorne Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

The money is the city's share for the installation of green arrow left turn signals on the Sepulveda Boulevard side of the signals.

Torrance schools produce. On the other hand, we found many who question the price of the product. What these people have to say and why they feel the override isn't warranted will be examined in the fourth article of this series.

## ... Airport

(Continued from Page 1) of Torrance adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of the Torrance Municipal Airport by jet or turbo-prop aircraft, it would be in default of the obligations assumed by it under the terms of its outstanding agreements with the United States.

The homeowners in the Southwood area apparently will press for the ordinance on grounds that jet and turbo-prop aircraft are a hazard for the area.

## ... Peebles

(Continued from Page 1) truths, and misleading statements to the public," his statement said.

A PROGRESS report, described by Goertzen as "somewhat limited in scope," is scheduled for delivery to members of the City Council this week, probably tomorrow.

The report is believed to cover only minor phases of the investigation. It will be marked confidential.

## Lynn Finds More Help

That do-it-yourself project of the Torrance Board of Education got an extra push Monday evening when Board President Bert M. Lynn read a letter from the Pop Warner Football Assn.

The project is a concession stand at West High School's football field, and the letter informed the board that the Pop Warner Football Assn. will provide 10 or 15 volunteers.

Lynn said numerous people had volunteered to help with the stand. Plans, donated by Roy Donley, A.I.A., were approved by the board last month. Construction is expected to begin in March, with the ladies of the West High PTA providing the coffee and sandwiches for the men who will put the concrete blocks in place.

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