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Work on the new Roth's Market proceeded at a rapid pace this week with the installation of the giant sign on the building. The market, first super market to be built in Torrance is expected to be open for business by the end of July. Construction is being handled by Hahn St. John, General Contractors.—Press photo.

BUS DEPARTMENT AID IN CITY'S BUDGET

City Manager George Stevens Tuesday night submitted to the City Council an estimate of the Annual Budget for the fiscal year 1950-51.

Final tax rates can not be fixed until accurate information regarding assessed valuations for the year are obtained. No increase in the tax rate is anticipated, however, or if any is needed, it will be three cents at the most, Stevens indicated.

Bids For Supplies Awarded

Torrance Board of Education has awarded bids as follows:
PAPER—General Paper Company, \$2,426.10; Zellerbach Paper Company, \$342.96; Stationers Corporation, \$467.40; Schwabacher-Frey Company, \$266.38; Sierra Paper Company, \$1.04; Ingram, \$2.24; Frederick Post Company, \$23.04.

SCHOOL PAINTS—Schwabacher-Frey Company, \$212.56.
GENERAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES—Los Angeles News Company, \$70.86; Stationers Corporation, \$74.37; American Seating Company, \$261.84; General Paper Company, \$28.45; Zellerbach Paper Company, \$954.74; Schwabacher Frey Company, \$125.65.

PAPER TOWELS & TOILET PAPER—Best Maintenance Supply Company \$1,845.00.
PAINTS—Torrance Hardware Company, \$588.09; W. P. Fuller Company, \$605.60; National Lead Company, \$5.50; Dunn-Edwards Corp., \$88.85; National Paint & Wallpaper, \$70.90; General Paint Corp., \$310.75.

LUMBER FOR CARPENTER SHOP—Beck's Lumber Company \$569.30.
HARDWARE—C. J. Henry Company, \$39.87; Torrance Hardware Company, \$54.70; Ducommun Metals & Supply Company, \$26.03; Triangle Steel & Supply Company, \$17.92; Jones Hardware Company, \$60.66; Andrews Hardware Metal Company, \$7.20.

Finance Committee Appointment Made

Appointment of the Finance Committee for the city's budget may be made this week, on a recommendation of Councilman George Powell.

They are E. Plomert, Jr., Mrs. Rayonette Brown, Howard Locke and Sam Levy. All were members of the finance committee last year.

The committee will study and review the preliminary budget and make recommendations for cutting and reapportioning finances.

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budget is \$20,000 allocated to the bus department to overcome its estimated deficit, the people having voted that they want to keep the lines as a municipal operation.

The total General Fund Budget, in the amount of \$859,740.00, shows an increase of approximately 13 percent over last year's budget of \$761,776.00. This percentage increase is in keeping with the rapid growth of our City, Stevens said.

Greatest increases have been made in the Building, Fire and Police Departments. This has been necessitated by the building boom and the resulting great increase in the City's population. Stevens said: "The City is closing the present fiscal year in excellent condition. Much credit must be given to the Department Heads and other personnel for their close adherence to the budget established for the operation of the City during 1949-50."

Stevens anticipates a total assessed valuation of \$50,700,000 this year. The general fund tax rate will be from 59 to 98 cents, he predicts, where last year's was 93 cents. A cut in the employee retirement rate will reduce this prospective gain, however, this rate being reduced from 15 cents to 13 cents. The library fund rate will be four cents, the same as last year.

Most Modern Tract Begins Construction

Ground breaking ceremonies for one of Torrance's largest tract projects is expected to take place Friday afternoon with high City officials taking part in the ceremony.

The tract which is located at Torrance Blvd., and Crenshaw will include over 450 two and three bedroom homes and a modern shopping district.

Homes will be completely equipped with garbage disposal units, electric dishwashers, interior decorations, outdoor patios and barbecues, with outdoor living as the theme of construction.

Homes will be both modern and colonial. Lee Moss Construction Co. are building the new subdivision, and it is expected that a local realty firm will handle sales. First homes are expected to be ready for occupancy by December.

Work Begins on 70 Homes Near College

Work began this week on the construction of a new 70 home tract by the Haven Development Corp. Name of the tract will be College Park.

College Park, will be three bedroom and 1 1/2 bath homes of contemporary exterior architecture. Units will be fully equipped with garbage disposals, and other modern conveniences, and will range in price at approximately \$9500 with no down payment for G.I.'s.

Construction work is being done by Hahn St. John, General Contractors, with sales handled through Miriam Rousch, Sales Agents.

The fire department budget is increased from \$116,762 for this year to \$130,750 until next year. Personnel of the department must be increased from 29 to 34 men, it was said.

The Police budget is increased from \$124,082 to \$151,862, and its personnel will be increased from 31 to 36 officers.

The street budget is \$119,111, upped only \$6,000 from last year, although manpower will be jumped from 23 to 26 men.

Dump Filth Brings New Complaints

A new demand for closing of the city dump at Plaza del Amo and Western avenue was heard this week as residents along Cabrillo avenue and Plaza del Amo complained about the city rubbish trucks scattering refuse along the two thoroughfares on the way to the dump.

Cardboard boxes, tree limbs, paper and other trash falls from the trucks on each trip to the dump, making an otherwise clean neighborhood unsightly.

The dump should be closed down entirely and the area where it is located converted to park and recreation facilities, the people argue.

As more and more houses are being built in the Cabrillo avenue area, adjacent to the several hundred homes recently completed by Kettler Knolls Inc., the elimination of the dump entirely becomes more important to the residents, the Press was told.

New District To Include Super Market

New business district for Walleria will center around a super market and drug store combination according to K. Sande Senness, Pacific Hills Developer this week.

Plans are being laid to include not only the market with parking area for more than 400 cars; but also for variety store, restaurant and several small stores.

Plans drawn at the present time show a modern layout with parking on Pacific Coast Highway, and on Newton street.

Senness pointed out that already foundations are being poured for an additional 170 two and three bedroom homes in Pacific Hills, thereby assuring ample customers for the new shopping district.

Coldwell Banker and Company of Los Angeles are in charge of the business center and development program.

Rule Ignored By H.S.B. Machine

By a 3 to 2 vote, the City Council majority, Tuesday night ignored its set rules and acted to remove A. L. Gianni as chairman of the City Planning Commission.

Councilman Harvey Spelman moved that Beverly Smith be named chairman of the planning body. Councilman Willys Blount seconded the motion.

Councilman George Powell asked if this matter had been requested by formal letter by the planning body, as provided in the rules, and he was told by Mayor Bob Haggard that no such request had been made, except a verbal request.

Powell said he would prefer that the matter be held up for a written request, but Haggard overruled his objection and called for a vote on the motion.

It carried with Powell and Councilman Nick Drale voting "no." Thus the machine action to remove Gianni from chairmanship of the commission was finished.

Harriet Hardy Accepts Post In San Marino

Miss Harriet Hardy announced this week that she has accepted the position of Coordinator of Counseling and Dean of Girls at the South Pasadena-San Marino High School, and will take up her duties early in the fall.

In leaving behind friends and fellow workers of the past three years, she said she was glad to accept the position.

(An Editorial) (Reproduced from the Torrance Herald)

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Airport Operators Drive Aviators Away

The fair name and friendly reputation of Torrance is being blemished almost daily at Torrance Municipal Airport by self-styled "policemen" who are driving air traffic away from the port, the Press learned this week.

Not only did Torrance lose nationwide publicity worth tens of thousands of dollars when Charles Soderstrom Jr., San Pedro Ford dealer was prevented from making his take-off on his recent record-making non-stop flight to New York from Torrance, but much publicity was lost when Torrance refused to let Soderstrom land on his "home" field on the return flight. He based his plane in Torrance.

STREET PAVING SPEEDED

Street paving and construction throughout the city was accelerated during the past six weeks with several miles of new asphalt paving as a result of the efforts.

During the last six weeks of the fiscal year 1949-50, the following improvements have been made: resurfacing of Hawthorne from 101 highway to the Palos Verdes boundary; Newton from Hawthorne east; portion of Sepulveda from the railroad to Western; Paving of Arlington from Plaza del Amo to Carson; resurfacing of Arlington from Torrance Blvd. to Sartori; El Prado from Sartori to Cravens; resurfacing of Crenshaw from Redondo Beach Blvd. to 170th St.; and Crenshaw from 190th to 186th Sts.

George Stevens said this week that as yet no plans have been definitely made for the budget of the fiscal year 1950-51, but indicated that the continued improvement of streets would continue at the accelerated pace.

The paving of Border Ave. is expected to be among the firsts in the new budget, due to the recent request made by Councilman Nick Drale. Border Ave. paving presents an immediate problem to the city due to the fact that there is one block which is impassable after the first rains.

Other streets such as 220th St., Cabrillo from Kettler Knolls to the city limits, Sepulveda from Cabrillo West to Hawthorne, and Torrance Blvd. from Crenshaw to Hawthorne are to be repaired. The latter necessitated by the building of nearly a thousand new homes within the next year along Torrance Blvd., and the proposed new shopping district at the corner of Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd.

Newberry Expansion Underway

Expansion of the J. J. Newberry Co. store in Torrance has started, and in the next few months, a new and larger 5-10-25 cent store, the finest in the area, will be ready to greet customers.

Two stores on Sartori avenue and one on El Prado were vacated and they will be utilized by Newberry's.

Adams Dress Shop, occupant of one store, is building a new home across the street on Sartori avenue. Children's Wardrobe will move to the new building adjoining McCown Drug Store.

Local School Board Members to Take Office Saturday

The new members of the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education will take office Saturday, July 1, 1950.

The Board of Education has entered into an agreement with the State Personnel Board, to perform services incident to the preparation, construction and rating of examinations for classifications to be mutually agreed upon by the local agency and the Board.

Factories On Standby Basis

With the United States Armed Forces backing up the South Korean forces against the invasion of Communist North Korean armies, and the threat of war with Russia hanging over the nations, Torrance industrial plants are on a standby basis ready to switch over from peacetime operation to the manufacture of war materials in five minutes.

This was revealed as the Press made a survey of the big plants of the area following the start of fighting in the Orient.

National Supply reported that their setup was such that reconversion was unnecessary. "Just give us the orders, and we're all set," said J. S. Spalding.

Unofficial reports from Columbia Steel revealed that the plant had been expecting to slow down over the 4th of July, but recent world events would keep the plant in full operation.

J. Lawrence of Harvey Machine Co., indicated that that company would need "five minutes and the order to move, and Harvey Machine Co. would be able to swing into a full war-time production."

According to C. Roland, plant superintendent at Goodyear Synthetic Rubber Plant, all of the plants in the area, with the exception of Dow Chemical Co., are on standby, and would be ready for immediate operation when needed.

Other plants in the area which are also maintained on standby basis include Standard Oil of El Segundo, and Shell Chemical, located near Torrance in the Los Angeles strip.

Firework Sale to Aid Vets

Fireworks will be sold in Torrance this year, according to City Council action this week.

Booths will be restricted in number with authority to issue permits delegated to Chief of Police Stroth.

Action was taken upon receipt of a letter from the Torrance Veterans' Council, who said that due to the added responsibilities of the organization which was non-profit in nature, the sale of the fireworks would enable them to carry out their activities.

Permits will be issued on the basis that no fireworks not authorized by the state be sold, and that sale will be for four days ending with July 4.

Doctor Employed For High School

Dr. Veazie Markham has been employed for the school year 1950-51 as school physician for two and three-fourths days per week at an annual rate of \$1,450.00 per year for each day's service. Total annual salary shall not exceed \$3,987.50.

Lights Flicker

A manhole cover in Hermosa Beach tossed into the air by an explosion severed a 15,000 volt electric transmission line and caused lights in Torrance and other nearby areas to flicker for several minutes Tuesday evening.

July 3 Holiday for District Employees

In view of the fact that July 4 falls on Tuesday, it was decided that all Torrance Unified School District employees will be given July 3 off with pay.

New Method Used To Rate Personnel

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