

PARKING METER ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Longren Improvement Plan Gets Protest Referendum On Issue Started

NEIGHBORS RAP NEW BUILDING

Longren Aircraft Company may have difficulty in having their proposed expansion program approved by the Planning Commission it was reported this week.

Residents along Carson St. and Date St. are making plans to be present en masse at the next commission meeting to voice their protest against the proposed expansion which will cost Longren between \$100,000 to \$150,000, and will add approximately 12,000 square feet of covered area to their present plant which covers 25,000 square feet. The proposed new building will face Carson Street, and will extend from the corner of Carson and Date streets.

In a letter to all residents in the neighborhood, Longren officials admitted that "Longren Aircraft has been an eyesore to the neighborhood. We want to do something about it now. We want to completely enclose our area from outside view with modern frontage."

The letter also stated: "At present most of the noises complained of are coming from areas which are not covered. Our proposed plan is to have these areas completely enclosed; noises will be cut to a minimum. Longren Aircraft Company has been in your neighborhood for 15 years and we are here to stay. We are proud of Torrance and we sincerely want Torrance to be proud of us. Please help us to beautify our neighborhood."

RESIDENTS PROTEST

A survey of the residents close by brought forth a stream of protests against the industry. One resident pointed out that the area was light agricultural and residential, that a special permit had been issued to Longren originally and that it had never been made permanent. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell, who live two doors away from the site of the proposed construction reported that noise was terrific and that the only manner in which the neighborhood could be improved would be for Longren to move from their present site to a more suitable site in the industrial zone of Torrance. "If a permanent type of construction is put on the property," said Mrs. Russell, "then we will never be..."

Bob Ffleiger To Enter Detroit Race

Robert "Bob" Ffleiger of Longren left Monday evening for Detroit where he will enter "Mr. Zip," his small sleek racing plane with 30 other craft in the Continental Motors Trophy Race of the National Air Races in Detroit on Aug. 18 and 19.

The plane, which has undergone severe tests from the Torrance Airport during the past several weeks was sent on last week, and arrived in Detroit last Monday.

Neither the 25-year-old pilot who operates Eagle Aviation at the Torrance Municipal Airport, nor the swift plane have ever competed before.

Plans to enter a race some months ago were dashed when the \$10,000 plane developed a case of loose wings. Ffleiger, unaware of the peril until he landed was putting "Mr. Zip" into dives during lead tests over the ocean at the time.

Paul Schaupp of Inglewood, a designer for North American Aviation, spent three years in the design and construction of the low-winger.

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Phone Rate Increase Opposed

Public Utilities Commission reported this week to the City Council on an increase in rates for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. Increase would make up for recent wage increases and thereby maintain the 5 1/2% income necessary.

Council members opposed the increase and authorized City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to inform the Commission of their disapproval, and to also advise the Commission of the type of service received at the present time.

At the present time, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. is constructing a new building in order to serve the Torrance-Lomita area with dial telephones.

Residents Petition for Paved Street

Representing homeowners of Elm Street between the 1400 and 1500 blocks, O. D. Swain appealed to the City Council this week to pave the streets in that district as had been petitioned approximately five months ago by residents of the area.

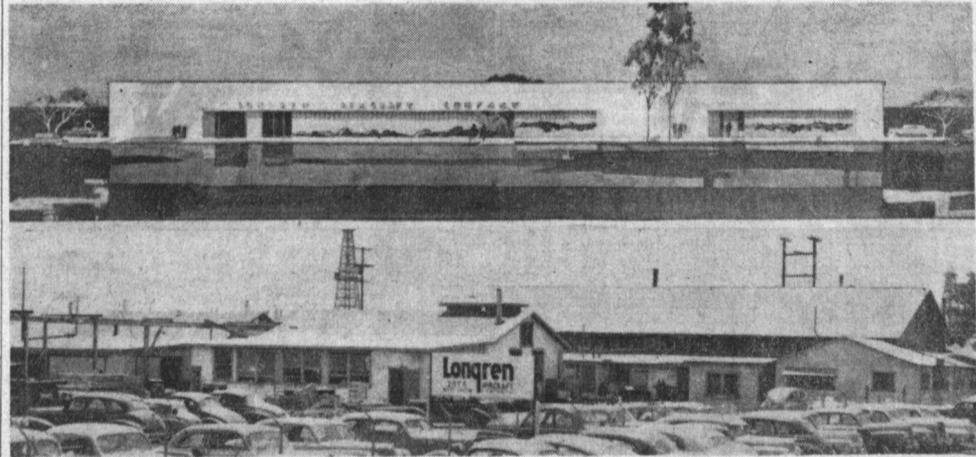
Swain reported that the area in question was the only one remaining which was not paved, and that as yet no word had been received on the original petitions.

City Engineer Jacob Joseph indicated that work was being done to provide paved streets in that area, and that as soon as the draining problem could be solved, paving would begin.



Impressive ceremonies at the Long Beach Shipyard last Friday, heralded the presentation of high honors to Theodore D. Deaton of 2220 231st St., Torrance. Deaton was among a group of 20 men who received an award for meritorious civilian service performed in connection with the reactivation of the shipyard. Award was presented by Capt. E. E. Sprin, U.S.N., Commander of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard. —Press Photo.

Before and After



PICTURED ABOVE is the proposed expansion program for Longren Aircraft, located at 2676 Carson Street. Bottom picture shows the small factory as it is today. New building will extend along the border of the entire property which is faced on two sides of Carson Street and Date Streets. Square footage of the proposed building will be approximately 35,000 square feet.

Surprise Move Installs Jet Test Station

The installation of a Turbo-Jet Engine Runup Station at 2861 Lomita Blvd., Torrance caused a flurry of comment this week from City officials.

Councilman Nick Draie expressed alarm over the manner in which the testing station was established, which was allegedly without the approval of the City Planning Commission, or an okay from the Council.

Draie pointed out that the Testing Station had been removed from North Redondo at the request of that city, and that it was most undesirable due to the tremendous amount of noise created.

The Testing Station is being installed by General Electric under contract with the United States government.

Jack Taylor Now At Texas Air Base

Jack Taylor, resident of Torrance and well known local athlete has joined the U. S. Army on August 2nd and is now stationed at Lockland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas.

Taylor graduated in 1948 from the Torrance High School and a noted fullback on the high school football team of '48. He was also interested in other sports.

At the time of his enlistment he was an employee of the Columbia Steel Plant in Torrance. His wife lives on Pennsylvania Avenue in Lomita and the parental home is at 6063 West 220th st. Torrance.

Culinary Strike In Area Averted

Possibility of a strike of waitresses, cooks, bartenders and hotel workers in the Harbor Area faded yesterday as representatives of the Bartenders and Culinary and Hotel Service Workers Joint Executive Board of San Pedro agreed to meet the employers' offers of a \$1.00 per day "across the board" increase in wages, retroactive to July 10, 1951.

Also approved was an agreement that the insurance plan will be adjusted by the Employees' Trust Fund Committee consisting of employers and employees. It is understood that the

Results Astonish Resident

Mrs. Roy Whitted, 1628 Hickory Ave., Torrance, stopped in the Press office this week to extend her thanks for the wonderful results she received on her small four line classified ad. Mrs. Whitted has joined the ranks with thousands of others who have discovered that Press Classifieds bring bigger and better results than any other newspaper in Torrance and Lomita.

Said Mrs. Whitted, "I ran the ad in another local paper, and received only one call. When I placed the ad in the Press, I had people line up 7 deep at one time waiting to see the apartment I had listed for rent. I had 20 calls in all, and found just the party I was looking for.

Below is the ad which cost Mrs. Whitted only 80c and brought such wonderful results:

FOR RENT—Unfurnished 3-room house in rear. Nice for working couple. Adults. Apply 1628 Hickory. Phone Torrance 2679-W.

Torrance Soldier Gets Promotion While In Japan

Master Sgt. Ben S. Pearson, of 1603 W. 214th st., now with the 160th Infantry unit, stationed in Japan, recently received promotion to his present rank. This is his second promotion this year.

Pearson, and his wife, Helen who resides at the Torrance address, have one daughter, Christine Marie, 3 months.

Prisoner Used as Human Decoy

A Communist prisoner was used as a human decoy when Sgt. Sylvester McCrorie, 2042 Cathy Way, Torrance, attempted to get his group of Korean ammunition bearers past a Red sniper while taking nine wounded men to an aid station.

The men of the 32nd "Queen's Own" Infantry were returning with the wounded after taking ammunition to the front. On the return trip they were pinned down by the Red machine-gunner when they attempted to cross a small stream.

The captured red was forced onto a huge rock in the stream to draw fire while the bearers crossed under the machinegunner and returned with the wounded men to the son.

McCrorie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggle, of the same address.

Torrance Area Health Officer Quits Service

Dr. Henry C. Smiley, district county health officer for this area is retiring from service on September 1, as announced last week by the County Health Department.

No permanent successor has been named, according to officials, although this territory will be covered temporarily by the

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY MARKET

The gigantic Anniversary sale of the Ideal Ranch Market will be held this weekend, according to Louis and Harry Friedman, owners. Located at 2067 Torrance Blvd., the sale will begin Thursday morning and continue through Sunday.

With stock marked down to cost or below, the Friedman brothers indicated that a tremendous number of weekend shoppers are expected to take advantage of the special prices being offered.

The owners reminded housewives this week that the new policy of the meat department is to offer the top grade cuts of meat at prices below OPS 4.

The produce department, under the management of Tom Shiraga and well known to Torrance shoppers as the "best in town," is preparing for the sale with outstanding values in the best of fruits and vegetables.

Shunning written and oral protests voiced throughout the city, the Torrance City Council Tuesday night adopted for the final reading the ordinance providing for the installation of parking meters in Torrance, and adopted a resolution appointing a "parking authority" for the city.

Immediately upon adoption of the two measures, notice was given that referendum petitions calling for either repeal of the ordinance or for a vote on the issue by the people at the next municipal election will be placed in circulation at once. They are being prepared by Albert Isen, lawyer, business men and property owners, and a committee of citizens.

The action of the Council was by the famous four-to-one vote. Councilman Nick Draie casting the only "nay" votes. Supporting the measures were Mayor Bob Haggard, Councilmen W. Blount, H. Spelman and E. Karlow.

Named to the parking authority were:

C. T. Pippy, attorney and owner of vast real estate holdings in Torrance, chairman, four year term.

Dean Sears, Bank of America manager, four year term.

J. H. Paget, manager of J. J. Newberry Co., Torrance, three year term.

Chas. V. Jones, owner of Torrance Hardware, and also a heavy land owner, two year term.

Mrs. Emma Roberts, housewife, one year term.

PROTESTS VOICED

Among those protesting the adoption of the ordinance was Mrs. Clara Conner, postmaster and also owner of considerable property. "You should not ask people to pay for the privilege of pulling to the curb at the post"

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Crenshaw Work to Begin Soon

County officials were accepting bids this week for the resurfacing and widening of Crenshaw Blvd. between W. 100th and W. 174th St., as another step in the development of the boulevard as a major artery from downtown Los Angeles to the ocean via the Palos Verdes hills.

The resurfacing project, scheduled for completion by the end of October, is estimated to cost some \$35,000, the city engineer's office reported.

Crews from the county road department are busy surveying land south of Pacific Coast Highway, and bulldozers are tearing at the steep canyon sides north of Crest road in Rolling Hills.

In addition the department is completing plans for final acquisition of property along the route of the proposed artery.

IDECO STRIKE ENDS WITH NO TIME LOST

Steel workers at International Derrick and Equipment Co. resumed work Monday morning after a 12 hour strike which lasted all day Saturday. Strike was ended without loss of production to the company or work time to the employee.

More than 200 members of the United Steel Workers Union struck the plant early Saturday at the expiration of their contract and posted pickets at the plant, 2410 W. Carson St.

The pickets were removed 12 hours later, after the employees voted to postpone contract negotiations until October 25 with an interim boost in wages.

No man hours were lost since the factory does not operate on Saturdays and Sundays, according to firm officials.

Salary Hike For Stevens Now Legal

An amendment to Resolution 2197 authorizing an increase in the salary of City Manager George Stevens to the sum of \$11,000 annually was passed this week on a vote of 4 to 1. Councilman Nick Draie casting the opposing vote. The amendment was made at the request of Councilman Draie who pointed out that the City Manager was not on a contract basis in accordance with the Charter. Resolution 2197 had originally placed the City Manager position on a three year contract term.

Draie also went on record again as opposing the higher salary granted the City Manager, and pointed out that in a recent survey, he had found that the salary exceeded every neighboring town with the exception of Long Beach.

Equipment Damaged by Juveniles

Construction equipment proved to be costly playthings this week when what was apparently the work of teen-agers caused considerable damage on the High School grounds Sunday, according to Police.

Culprits, believed to be juveniles, apparently drove recklessly about the grounds with a skip loader and two dump trucks smashing the vehicles into one another and trundling through a wire fence.

The equipment owned by the Bragg Co. of Long Beach, was being used in the construction of a new building at the school.

Water Levels Drop As Hot Weather Hits

Continuing hot weather is having its usual inevitable depressing effect upon ground water levels throughout the area, according to the West Basin Water Association this week.

Within a period of days, water levels dropped four feet or more in wells located in the Wilmington Dominguez area. This drop, according to Carl Fossette, was so abrupt that inquiry was made as to the possible cause. It was found that a series of water wells located 1 1/2 miles inland from the Harbor had been placed in active service after years of standby duty.

The agency operating the wells has in the past relied on imported water, but the increased demand is such that the wells are now called on to deliver an estimated 7 million gallons daily.

According to Fossette, this this great added draft upon the already overdrawn ground water basin can only result in hastening the engulfment of wells in the area by sea water. At present there has been no sea water contamination of wells in this portion of West Basin said Fossette, however, the static water level in this area is 57 feet below sea level, and further inland, water levels are as much as 100 feet below sea level.

LOCAL SHRINE CLUB FORMED



THE GANGS ALL HERE—for a get-together to discuss organizing a local Shriners' club to include Torrance and Lomita members. The meeting was held at Higgins Brick yard last

Thursday, Aug. 9th at 8:30. Host Al Gianni, former Planning Commission head, served his favorite dish—spaghetti.



LAWSON'S JEWELERS, located next door to Newberrys on El Prado burglarized yesterday morning with losses not yet estimated. Thieves broke into the big display window and helped themselves to women's and men's rings which included many valuable items such as diamonds. Evidence pointed to the fact that the thieves were forced to depart sooner than anticipated, pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. A. Robinson, who are preparing to clean up the mess. —Pressphoto.