

5608 PUPILS ENROLL IN SCHOOLS

Alondra Residents to Press Annexation

Increase of 1269 Shown by District

PLANS MAY AWAIT NEW CITY COUNCIL

Despite the feeling that the present Torrance City Council will not be in favor of annexation of the Alondra park residential district north of Redondo Beach boulevard, between Crenshaw boulevard and Prairie avenue, citizens of the area are going ahead with their annexation plans, the Torrance Press was told this week.

"We want to join Torrance to get better schools, better police and fire protection and other municipal services denied us by our present county unincorporated status," Mrs. Anthony Staffer said.

"We are awaiting advice of Councilman Nick Draie as to procedure and will call a meeting of citizens interested as soon as the needed data is obtained.

"Also, we plan to meet with North Torrance Civic Improvement Association to discuss the matter, as we understand they are favorable to our annexation."

Councilman Draie said that he was seeking from City Attorney James Hall the necessary legal procedure for petitioning and holding an election for annexation.

MAY AWAIT NEW COUNCIL

It was pointed out that the proceedings may be held up until after the spring municipal election, when a more favorable City Council may be in office to receive the petitions for annexation of the Alondra area.

The majority of the present City Council is believed to be opposed to the annexation, due to the fact that a major oil company representative who advises the Council has urged them to drop any plans for annexation of the area.

"Those people have a right to expect favorable action from the City Council," Draie declared. "They have a right to better municipal services and schools. They do not want to join Gardena nor any other of the surrounding municipalities.

"I feel that this would be a feather in the cap of Torrance to have that area annex to Torrance. It would make Torrance the second or third largest town



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Lack of Signatures Slows Water Program

HOG RANCH OPPOSITION HERE GAINS

Civic interest in action against the hog ranch near the new tract of Torrance Gardens homes gained momentum this week as residents continued their charges of "the terrible smell and swarms of flies" which they say is caused by the nearby location of the ranch.

Many of the new Torrance taxpayers say that when they first purchased their homes they were unable to understand the cause of the multitudinous number of flies or the unpleasant odor as all the homes in the tract are equipped with garbage disposal units. Discovery of the nearby hog ranch, they say, could be the only cause for this health menace of flies to the numerous children living in the area.

Gene Nourse, 917 Teri St., told a Press reporter, "The situation is just terrible out here. The flies just plague us and the smell at certain times of the day is unbearable."

Maurice Hatten, of 820 Maple st., said that many of his neighbors living in the tract think that the situation is deplorable and that the City Council should take measures to remedy the situation.



CULINARY DUTIES—Parke Montague, president of the Kiwanis Club, practices dishing out pancakes for the Kiwanis Club Kids Day Breakfast which will be held this Saturday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Lions' President, Paul Diamond (left) and Optimists' President, Dr. Allen Pyscott get all set to be served pancakes, on the menu for the breakfast. The annual

Kids Day is sponsored each year by the Kiwanis Club to help pay toward the Alondra Park summer swimming program, for which they furnish transportation. Diamond and Pyscott represent their clubs which have promised to support the Kiwanis in this annual event.

—Torrance Press Photo.

DELAY SEEN IN CALLING BOND VOTE

Due to a lack of sufficient signatures on petitions to put the \$2,000,000 proposed water bond issue on the ballot, the receipt of the petitions by the City Council scheduled for last night, was postponed to the next regular Council meeting, according to Bert Lamb, president of the Jaycees.

One thousand signatures are needed to put the issue to a vote, of which the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce have pledged themselves to obtain 50% of 500 signatures. Number of signatures thus far obtained were not available at press time, but it was surmised that several hundred are now on petitions.

City Manager George Stevens, in the meanwhile announced that, with the procurement of sufficient signatures, the proposed \$2,000,000 water bond issue, backed by former water superintendent, Bill Stanger, and the consolidation of the three present Torrance water districts, plus

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Enrollment in schools of the Torrance Unified School District as of Tuesday, second day of school this year swelled to a new high of 5,608 students, an increase of 1,269 over the 4,339 pupils registered the second day of last year, according to Warren Hamilton, director of special services.

A total of 5,362 students enrolled Monday, Sept. 17, the first day of school this year. This was an increase of 1,167 over the enrollment of 4,195 for the first day of school last year.

LOWER GRADES GAIN

The greatest increase in enrollment appears in the lower grades with the kindergarten level gaining the most new students. An increase of 350 entering children was shown as of Tuesday of this week over the number of kindergarten children registered as of the second day of school last year. A total of 826 kindergarten grade children enrolled this year, while a 476 enrollment is shown for last year.

The grade level gaining the second top enrollment increase this year over last year was the third grade. With 554 registered as of Tuesday, an increase of 133 students over last year's enrollment of 421 is shown.

HIGH SCHOOL

Reflecting the steady growth of Torrance for the past several years, the high school gained an increase of 200 students with this year's enrollment. Total enrollment as of Tuesday was 1,013 students. Number of students enrolled the second day of school last year was 813.

Helping to alleviate the heavy school load this year was the opening of three additional elementary schools, the Crenshaw, El Nido, and Greenwood schools. Enrollment at each school as of Tuesday is as follows: Crenshaw, 155; El Nido, 147; Greenwood, 375. Held in the Greenwood school are the 5th and 8th grade classes, formerly conducted at the Fern avenue school.

Comparative enrollment as of the second day of school at all other elementary schools are as follows:

	1950	1951
Fern Ave.	636	625
North Torrance	445	731
Perry	449	410
Seaside	556	665
Torrance	1024	979
Walteria	405	502

El Camino Gains 550 Enrollment

An increased enrollment of about 550 students was expected as of Tuesday afternoon at El Camino College, according to Merl Sloan, director of student personnel.

Total expected enrollment as of Tuesday was about 3450 with 2891 registered as of the same day last year. Registered Monday at El Camino were 3278 students, an increase of 463 over the 2815 students enrolled as of the same day last year.

Sloan said that registration at El Camino began September 10 and will continue through September 28.

County Acts To Help Solve Slough Problem

County supervisors agreed on Tuesday to participate in a joint conference with Los Angeles City Councilman John S. Gibson in a cooperative attempt to solve the Bixby Slough drainage problem. Gibson addressed supervisors on the city's request for \$350,000 county flood control district funds to build a 10-foot regulatory drain to prepare the slough as a park site.

The councilman declared that drainage of the death trap is a mutual city-county problem because, he said, "A great deal of the water in the slough comes from county territory as far north as Hawthorne."

"It is also a state problem—state highways are often flooded during heavy rains, the councilman told the board, asking that the state also be invited to participate in the meeting.

The board authorized County Flood Control Engineer H. E. Hedger and County Council Harold Kennedy to meet with Gibson at an early date.

Hedger also was ordered to conduct a complete study of the slough drainage and present his results personally to the board and the city council.

The supervisors indicated they will take formal action on the city's request for the money following the conference.

Body of Auto Crash Victim Shipped East

The body of accident victim James M. Miller, 29, of 35 Harbor Hills, Lomita, was shipped by train last Monday to Kearney, Nebraska for burial by the Cleveland Funeral Home in San Pedro.

Miller was killed instantly Wednesday, Sept. 12, when the automobile he was driving and another car collided at Pacific Coast Highway and Western avenue.

Driver of the other car, Ches-

LAWSON'S JEWELERS, located at 1317 El Prado Street celebrates its first birthday in Torrance area today with a big birthday sale. Lawson's moved into the modern new store, shown above, one year ago.

Climax of the birthday celebration will be the giving away by the store of a free television set to some lucky patron on October 20.

—Torrance Press Photo.

Manager of the store is Marc La Baron, with Hal Massie in

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Lawson's Jewelers Fetes First Birthday Here Today

"We're growing right with Torrance" was the statement made today by A. Robinson, vice-president of Lawson's Jewelers, 1317 El Prado st., as the store here celebrated its first birthday in Torrance.

A sale in celebration of the event begins today and will be climaxed with the giving away of a free television set on Oct. 20 by the store. The drawing will be held at 9 p.m. Anyone interested in obtaining details on how to win this free television set may do so by stopping at the store, at no obligation.

California Unit to Stay In Japan

Torrance and Lomita residents were cheered this week with reports that the 40th (California National Guard) and 45th (Oklahoma National Guard) divisions will remain in Japan for security duty and training, general headquarters reported.

There has been no change in their orders since they arrived several months ago in Japan and no change is anticipated.

Many Torrance and Lomita men of the 578th Engineer and Engineer Combat Battalion of the 40th Division were stationed at the Torrance ball park and airport before being called into active duty September, 1950.

Speculation that the divisions might be sent to Korea followed a statement by Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, in Washington this week. Collins said national guardsmen would be used to replace last winter's combat troops in Korea.

14 WEEKS TRAINING

By congressional action, men of the 40th and 45th were required to have 14 weeks of training before being sent overseas. This resulted in many guardsmen remaining in the states when their outfits sailed. These vacancies were filled by inductees and others added to bring the divisions up to authorized strength.

Some of these men have been transferred from the 40th and 45th, it was learned. While Army authorities declined to say so, these individuals presumably have joined a division in Korea. The total was believed small.

Unless present orders are changed—a spokesman for Gen. Ridgway said there is no information here they will be—the 40th and 45th will remain on duty in Japan's major islands until they become eligible to return home.



PATCH-UP JOB—A crew of Los Angeles city workers are shown working on a 180 square foot patch-up job on Western ave., south of 182nd street. The above photo was taken Tuesday.

A total of six men worked on the job for the entire day. This "bad spot" in the year-old highway is one of about 200 along Western ave. from 101 Highway to 182nd street.

—Torrance Press Photo.

Western Paving Ills Fail to Impress L. A.

After only a year's use, newly opened and paved Western avenue is breaking up, and the City of Los Angeles engineering and street department expresses no interest in a permanent remedy for the situation.

Upon complaints coming to the Torrance Press from residents of both Torrance and the Los Angeles shoestring strip that inferior materials, specifications or workmanship must have been used in the paving of the important "Mountains to the Sea" thoroughfare through Torrance, a reporter investigated and found the following facts:

1. That Western avenue has been patched a total of 203 times since it was resurfaced and opened from Pacific Coast Highway to 182nd Street.
2. From Carson Street south to Pacific Coast Highway, there have been 71 patches in less than a year, where the new pavement apparently has

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U.S.A. Best, Lions Told By Wentworth

Hampden Wentworth, of Longren Aircraft Co., told members of the Torrance Lions Club Tuesday noon, meeting at Ding How Cafe, that while there are opportunities to make money in South and Central America, there is nothing like the good old United States of America when it comes to democracy, security and freedom.

His talk based upon his recent flight with Mrs. Wentworth and enjoyed in part by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Beeman, through Cen-

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"A DREAM COME TRUE"

American Auto Store Holds Grand Opening Tomorrow

"A dream come true!", is how owner George Watson describes the opening of his American Auto Store, at 1323 Sartori ave., Torrance this Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22. Free Kleenex dispensers will be given to each customer during the opening.

Watson, who has eight other auto parts and accessories stores in Southern California, said that during his three years of active service overseas in the World

War II, he dreamed of owning a chain of auto parts and accessories stores in Southern California to meet the automotive needs of people in this area.

Watson served as a bombardier in the United States Air Force and participated in the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns

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THOUSANDS EXPECTED

Baron Leone to Visit Kids Day Feed Sat.

Thousands are expected to crowd the Torrance Civic Auditorium this Saturday morning at the Kiwanis Club Kids Day Breakfast to be greeted by the wrestling world's famous personality, Baron Michele Leone, according to Charles Wallace, publicity chairman. The Baron will be at the auditorium to hand out his "vitamin" lollypops to the kids from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The breakfast, which will consist of fruit juice, pancakes, bacon and coffee, will be served from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Price of the feed is 50c per person.

At 2 p.m. the Kids Day festivities will adjourn to Sepulveda boulevard on the hill west of Hawthorne boulevard for a local Soap Box Derby, under the direction of Paul Loranger, local Chevrolet dealer.

A PRIZE FOR ALL

All those boys who participated in the recent nation-wide derby as well as any other boys with self-built racers will compete in the race. "Every boy who competes in the race will receive a prize," said Loranger.

Prizes to be given are as follows: first heat winners, swim mask; first heat losers, flashlight; 2nd heat winners, swim fins; 3rd heat winners, baseball gloves; final winner, Derby Trophy, donated by the Torrance Herald; a Longine-Wittnauer, donated by Howards Jewelers and Paul's Chevrolet. The run-

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Renewal for Harbor City Bus Urged

Demands for renewal of bus service to the Harbor City area were voiced this week as Harbor City Chamber of Commerce officials announced that they are seeking bus service, both for the public in general and for school children.

Mrs. Frances Hencel, chairman of Councilman John S. Gibson's advisory committee for that area, presented the matter to the civic group.

The Torrance Municipal Bus Lines cut off service to the Harbor City area about a year ago. It was pointed out, however, that since that time several hundred new homes have been built in the area.

Many residents in the area suggested that if the Torrance

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AMERICAN AUTO STORES
Everything for the auto for less

OWNER OF THE STORE (RIGHT) IS GEORGE WATSON. HAROLD SEITZ (LEFT) IS MANAGER.

OPENING TODAY... American Auto Store, at 1323 Sartori avenue, celebrates its opening in Torrance tomorrow and Saturday. Representatives from various automotive concerns will be at the store during the opening. Free Kleenex auto dispensers will be given away. Owner of the store (right) is George Watson. Harold Seitz (left) is manager. —Torrance Press photo.