

TORRANCE RECEIVES EXACTLY \$87,314.80 FOR CITY STREETS

Street improvements in Torrance have been made to the tune of \$87,314.80, city engineer Jacob Joseph reported this week. Of this amount, \$66,259.80 was contributed by the State through the special gas tax allowance.

Under the County Aid Program, Torrance received an additional \$21,055.00.

Crenshaw Blvd. from 190th to 174th street—approximately one mile—was the major improvement under the State gas tax program. This part of Crenshaw, according to Joseph, was widened from a two-lane highway to a four-lane road.

Grading and paving for this area cost \$500, the city engineer disclosed. Survey plans, and construction added another \$35,200.00 to the Crenshaw improvement.

Other repairs made with gas tax money include Sepulveda Blvd. from Maple avenue to Crenshaw Blvd.—about 0.67 mile. Grading, paving, survey, plans and construction cost \$4,859.80, according to records at the City Hall.

Gas tax money to the tune of \$25,400.00 was also used to main-

tain major city streets and secondary streets from July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952, Engineer Joseph reported.

Under the County Aid program, Torrance received \$21,055.00. This was used for the improvement of 1.4 miles from the city line to Hawthorne avenue on Lomita Blvd. and exactly one mile on Pennsylvania avenue from Sepulveda Blvd. to 241st street.

Minstrels

(Continued from Page One) gram secretaries for the National Staff of the YWCA who was in Los Angeles last week while the show was being presented in Torrance said: "The YWCA has definitely discouraged its local branches from using minstrel shows for money raising and entertainment."

The show was under the joint sponsorship of the senior and junior women's clubs of Torrance.

Miss Nita Blackwell, chairman of the Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations said: "The activities of left wing organizations as pertaining to minstrel shows has tended to confuse the public."

GARDNER SPEAKS It was pointed out by Dale Gardner, also of the Human Relations Committee, that the Communists move into an area and instead of trying to show the people the damage of keeping stereotypes alive, they antagonize the community leaders purposely.

"Once the Communists have accomplished this," said Gardner, "then the show goes on, and they can charge discrimination."

Gardner admitted that due to the confusion caused by left-wing elements which approached the Torrance Board of Education several months ago, the issues regarding minstrel shows became clouded.

COMMUNITY STAND "A community was rising up to defend itself against outside interference, and that is exactly what the Communists wanted," Gardner pointed out.

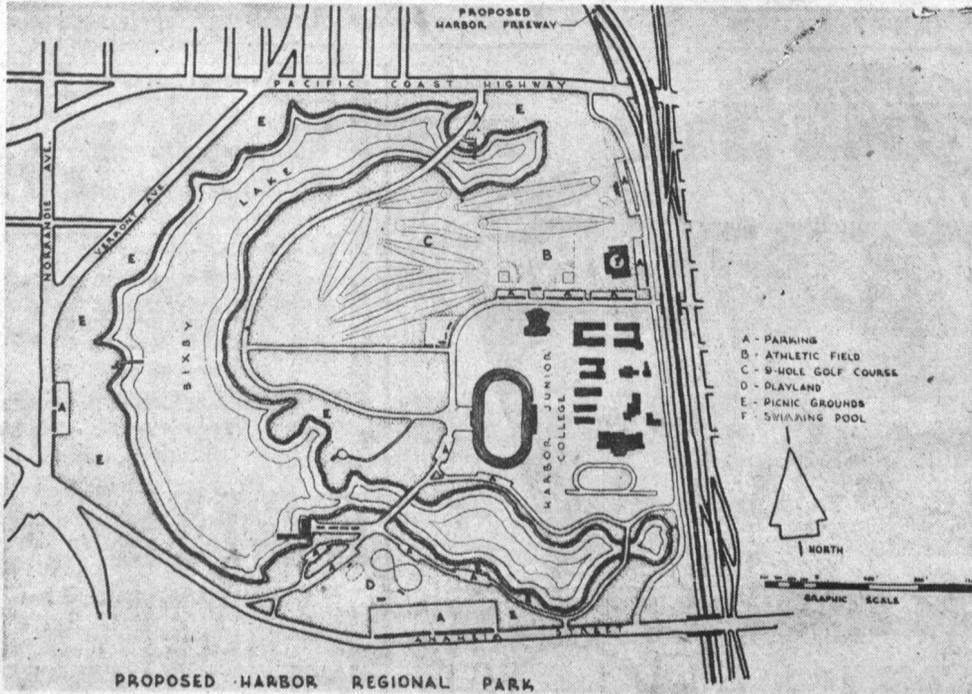
While outside groups were arguing whether Torrance should or should not have minstrel shows, it was disclosed that future plans at the high school call for a "Black Face" show as early as next Spring. Funds derived from this affair, it is believed, will be used for a benefit.

Other Torrance groups are discussing the possibility of producing a show of this type once a year.

Regardless of what reaction a person has to a minstrel show, it has been agreed that picketing is no solution to sociological problems. If minstrel shows become a part of the yearly entertainment diet in Torrance, discrimination will play no part in the decision. It will be rigged individualists protesting the interference from people who do not live in Torrance.

Stroh Attends Chief of Police John Stroh attended a Traffic Safety Conference in Sacramento last week which Governor Earl Warren called.

Stroh said that he attended law enforcement section of the conference.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of Bixby Slough as a recreational park instead of a death-trap for youngsters is pictured above. This map was previewed at a meeting conducted at Harbor College last week. Over 200 civic leaders were present. Torrance was not represented. The proposed harbor regional park would be possible is a constant level drain is installed at Bixby Slough. The recreation area as proposed would have room for parking 800 cars. Civic leaders are trying to form a drainage district so they can apply for transfer to the flood control district.

Clerks Vote

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bulletin to all food employers sent out Tuesday, urged members not to sign any contract until notified of the completion of negotiations, or until they are advised of their responsibilities and obligations under the contract. Any employer so signing, it was said, would be required to file an individual report with the Wage Stabilization Board before making the increase in wages provided effective.

The meeting with the negotiating committees of the Employers' Council and the union, to discuss the differences between the union and the employers was to be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the office of John T. Binkley, counsel for the employers, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

The employers membership meeting will be held in the office of the Council, 1308 Sartori Ave., Suite 14, Torrance, at 8 p. m. on Thursday.

The current contract with the Retail Clerks Union does not expire until midnight, November 1, 1951, according to Selover, and thus economic action by the union would not be legally possible prior to Friday morning.

"The Employers' Council is making every effort to avert a work stoppage, and at the same time uphold the rights of employers to fair and just contractual conditions," Selover said. "If this can be accomplished prior to Thursday night, we will have prevented the first strike of a general nature since this council was formed in 1948."

Food employer members of the Harbor Area Employers' Council enjoy 93 percent of the clerks involved in the dispute, Selover declared.

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Torrance Auto Crash Injures Combat Vet

Sometimes civilian life can be as dangerous as actual combat duty. Marine Sgt. Calvin Eason, 26, of Los Angeles discovered last week. Within hours after he returned from Korea, he was injured in a traffic mishap at Carson St. and Western Ave. in Torrance, reports at Harbor Hospital disclosed today.

Eason was a passenger in an auto driven by his wife, Bertie 22, who was driving him home from San Diego, where he had landed from abroad the USS Boxer.

The Eason auto was involved in a collision with a panel truck, driven by Jens Christian, 55, of 1827 Arlington St., Long Beach, and an auto driven by Frank H. Davis, 49, of Santa Monica.

The early evening accident turned the truck onto its side and slowed traffic at the intersection for almost an hour.

Eason and his wife walked into the Harbor Hospital to receive first aid. The Korean soldier had a knee abrasion, and his wife suffered a light concussion.

When police from Torrance arrived to find out how badly the two were hurt, they discovered that the couple were sitting in the waiting room. The Easons were released shortly after being treated.

Subdivider (Continued from Page One) had to put in the mains, it would cost the city nearly \$25,000. Stevens said that he believes the subdivider should pay for the water mains and then allow them to revert to the city.

City attorney Jim Hall informed the Press on Tuesday that he was afraid litigations might arise out of the difference of opinion.

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College Holds Opens House for Visitors

El Camino Junior College's Open House over the weekend was attended by more than 1000 enthusiastic visitors from surrounding communities.

Both professors and students took turns in acting as guides on the 90-acre campus. In this way those in attendance had a chance to get both the student and teachers viewpoint concerning the progress that has taken place at El Camino.

Four points were highlighted during the tour: All excursions started in the administration building — modernistic to the n-th degree. Then the groups took a look at the second building which was constructed in the same pattern as the first one.

In this structure they saw the cafeteria, student lounge, some class rooms and faculty offices. The third stop-off took the visitors to the cosmetology class rooms located in wooden temporary reconstructed army barracks.

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NEWBURYPORT, Mass. — Thieves who looted a state engineers' temporary office here did the job neatly. They removed a screen from a window and after stealing \$30 worth of equipment carefully replaced the screen and the six screws which held it in place.

While the city is studying various proposed areas, residents near the city dump at Plaza del Amo and Western Avenue must live with the dump—practically in their back yards.

On several occasions, homeowners of this area, have appeared before the Council, supported directly only by Councilman Draie. They pointed out that the proximity of the dump to their homes is a health menace to their children and general living conditions.

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Pacific Hills

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one of the residents. There are several confirmations by homeowners of the area that about Sept. 1, residents noticed a "bunch" of trucks traveling back and forth but didn't pay much attention.

Shortly thereafter, it was pointed out, the dust from the road started an investigation of local citizens.

"We discovered that the trucks were causing the dirt to fly," said Vern Crumm, a resident of the area.

He said they made a complaint to Engineer Jacob Joseph, who said he would look into it. He is scheduled to bring his report before the City Council at its next regular meeting.

"We've been calling him fairly regularly," Alton Langston, president of the Pacific Homeowners Group, informed the Press.

In each case residents were requested to "bear with us for another couple of weeks," by the city engineer.

It was observed that at first the trucks came down Hawthorne Blvd. Now they are taking all the dirt and back roads—coming down Sepulveda Blvd. and then out Hawthorne.

This last Saturday and Sunday—the trucks made an extraordinary nuisance for residents. They operated almost continuously in the area, it is reported.

Blount

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the city attorney were huddled around the conference table in Mayor Haggard's inner office. "What do you want?" asked Blount.

"Is this a regular meeting?" the Press reporter asked. "Can the Public sit in?"

"No, the meeting is closed," Blount replied. "It is an agenda meeting."

The reporter inquired: "Is there anything new on the suit against the city?"

"What suit?" asked Blount. "The suit that Truman-Browne, the subdivider is planning," the reporter said.

"As far as I know, it hasn't been filed," Blount said. "We have information that litigation proceedings will be filed toward the end of this week," the reporter said.

"Then you have more information than I have," Blount said. With that he walked back into the Mayor's office and carefully closed the door.

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