



GRADUATING SENIORS . . . shown above were photographed before the Baccalaureate service last Sunday on the Torrance High School Campus. Commencement exercises for the 1952 Graduating Class will be held at 8:15 p.m. tonight, June 12, on the Torrance High School athletic field. Tonights ceremony ends a week's round of social activities for the seniors. —Photo Arts Photo.

# Torrance Could Be Center Of Manufacturing Empire

Torrance could become the greatest industrial center in all Southern California, L. E. Jenkins, district manager of the Southern California Edison Company, told City Planners at their regular meeting last Wednesday. He expressed the belief that by proper conservation of industrial territory, Torrance can become the core of a vast manufacturing center.

Jenkins stated that the Edison Company is not encouraging industries that require any substantial amounts of electric power to locate in Monrovia, Arcadia, or any of the other manufacturing communities in suburban Los Angeles, because the utility company is not equipped to furnish them with the electrical service that it can in the City of Torrance.

Edison is about to build two more units at 182nd St. and Yukon Ave. These plans are based on the potential industrial growth of this city, Jenkins disclosed.

In addition, Torrance has the advantage of being a part of the Metropolitan Water District, and consequently can supply the tremendous quantities of water needed by the heavy industry.

Jenkins appeared before the planners to request a change of zone on property owned by Edison Company at the corner of 190th St. and Western Ave.

The prospective buyer is a company which manufactures modern furniture.

A Mr. Bratton, representing the furniture co., promised that the factory would be one of the "best looking pieces of manufacturing property in Torrance."



Capt. H. P. Jensen

## Capt. P. Jensen Dies of Heart Attack Here

Friends and relatives this week mourned the death of Captain Harold Philip Jensen, who died Saturday at Torrance Memorial Hospital following a heart attack.

The 33-year-old mariner, husband of Maxine Steele Jensen, who is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steele.

A graduate of Torrance High School, Captain Jensen completed the course at the State Nautical School near San Francisco.

During the war, Jensen served as a Merchant Marine officer in both Atlantic and Pacific waters.

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## 178 Seniors Get Diplomas This Evening

"There Will Always Be Light," will be the theme of the commencement presentation when 178 graduating seniors of the Torrance High School Class of 1952 receive diplomas on the school's athletic field tonight at 8:15.

The presentation will consist of addresses delivered by four top senior students, David Scholl, Mary Ann Valdez, Kelvin Figgens, and Nancy Ruth Miller. Their talks will deal with various aspects of education and their effect on world conditions, past, present and future.

Mrs. Joanna Garver and Ivan Malm, class advisers, have announced that Dayle Denham, having earned the highest grade point average throughout the years, has been named the honor student for the 1952 class.

Other memberships in the California Scholarship Federation went to Ann Flanagan Stephens, Beth Jenkins, Mary Ann Valdez, Nancy Ruth Miller, Charlotte Anderson, Jeannette Lopez, David Scholl, William Wilcox, Valdez, Nancy Ruth Miller, Charles Warren Bennet, The Bausch-Lomb Award went to Byron Johnson, and William Wilcox won the National Supply Co. Award. Ann Stephens was the recipient of the D.A.R. Citizenship Award.

The program for tonight's commencement is as follows: Processional "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar, by the Torrance High School Band, Mr. Abe Milstein, directing.

Salute to the Flag, Edgar Forcier, Directing; "The Star Spangled Banner," Key; Invocation, The Reverend Clarence E. Miller, First Methodist Church; "Someday," Ann Flanagan and Buddy Powers, arrangement and accompaniment by Pat Dunmyer.

Commencement presentation: "There Will Always Be Light," Class Song "As We Go Our Way," Lyrics by Ted Lloyd and Leo Meltvedt, Leo Meltvedt, Directing; Presentation of Class of 1952, Mr. John K. Steinbaugh, Principal; Acceptance of Candidates, Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent; Presentation of Diplomas, Judge John A. Shidler, President, Board of Education; "Alma Mater," Edgar Forcier, Directing; Benediction, The Reverend Cecil J. England, First Christian Church; Recessional, DeKoven.

# SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER INVESTIGATION ASKED

## Hearing Closed As Residents Protest

Continued dissatisfaction with the way property owners of the Seaside Heights district are being assessed for sewer lines being furnished to other non-paying tracts appeared to be heading for official investigation this week—even by the Grand Jury—it was reported.

The City Council last Wednesday night (June 4) abruptly "closed" the hearing on the formation of the new sewer district despite the protests of Robert Reeser, 5269 Bindewald Road, and his demand that the hearing be continued.

"I don't see why we should pay \$26,000 for something that doesn't even come into our tract at all," Reeser complained on behalf of the Seaside Heights property owners who are being asked to pay for sewer lines to furnish are outside the sewer district which is being formed—and which are contributing nothing to the cost of the sewer system. Due to the alleged mishandling of the assessment plans, the district property owners are being assessed \$86,000 for a job estimated to cost \$65,000, it was claimed.

It was charged that preparation of the assessment district, the easements and plans were not properly handled by the City Engineer's office, and that the Grand Jury will be asked to look into the matter. Free-riders aided by the formation of the district should be required to help pay the bill, it was demanded.

Mayor Schwab, Councilman Spelman and Councilman Blount voted to close the sewer district hearing over the protests of Reeser and others present, and with Councilman Drake and Councilman Benstead voting against closing the hearing. Mayor Schwab and Spelman, however, asked City Attorney James Hall for his opinion on how to remedy the involved situation.

May Building Permits Near Record Mark

A near record building boom took place in Torrance during the month of May. Building permits issued totalled \$2,484,362, building dept. records show.

This brings the year's total up to \$8,972,397. Total construction for the first five months of 1951 was \$5,223,293. Only \$249,725 of that took place during May, 1951. Three large subdivisions were started during May, and permits for another were issued. Construction on the latter tract is expected to begin soon.

## Electric Typewriter Demonstrated

A free demonstration of the use of the electric typewriter will be held in the Adult Class of Torrance Evening High School on Thursday evening, June 12 at 6:30 in room 204.

Both children and adults are invited to join this free public service.

## 'I'm Amazed'

Said W. C. Harris of 1213 Maple St. And indeed amazing are the results you get when you use Torrance Press classified ads.

Mr. Harris was pleasantly surprised at the tremendous response he received when he ran a three-line classified ad offering an apartment for rent. "I got 32 calls, most of them on the day the Press was distributed. I've never seen a paper bring such results," he said.

## Wife Beater Gets Five Days

A five day jail sentence was meted out to George M. Simmons, 44-year-old cook, pleaded guilty to charges of wife-beating before City Judge Otto Willett last Monday.

Simmons' wife, Christine, signed a complaint charging her husband with twisting her arm and otherwise abusing her while in a drunken condition. The couple live at 18544 Ashley in North Torrance.

## Fire Destroys Home, Charrs 20 Acres in North Torrance

What started out to be a grass fire turned into a blazing inferno that virtually destroyed a home and damaged several other buildings in North Torrance Monday afternoon. The home of Dr. Grace McCleary at 2084 West 166th St. was largely demolished by a blaze which blackened 20 acres in a field behind the house.

No one was occupying the building at the time that the fire leaped across the Santa Fe tracks and a deep gully which runs across the rear of the property. After igniting a grove of eucalyptus trees in the yard the fire raced through the forty-year-old shingled structure, reducing to ashes the roof, walls and floor of the rear portion of the house. Extensive water and smoke damage left the rest of building and furniture an almost total wreck. The damage was estimated at \$10,000.

## Steel Strike Deadlocked On Shop Rule

Hope of an early settlement of the steel strike ran high among the families of 1400 Columbia Steel workers until negotiations between union and management collapsed in Washington on Monday night.

The steel companies in the case have met most of the union's economic demands, but Philip Murray's CIO Steelworkers union representatives are still holding out for the closed shop ruling, which the steel men refuse to grant.

## Isbell Takes Lion Gavel at Club Alondra

Paul Diamond turned over the gavel of president of the Torrance Lions Club to the new president, Milt Isbell, in an installation ceremony held last Saturday night at the Club Alondra.

Following a dinner attended by many club members, their wives and guests, Earl Baker, Counselor for the International Lions Club, installed the new cabinet, including Isbell, president; Roy Peterson, first vice-president; C. B. Walls, second vice-president; Fred Boren, secretary; Pete Redisch, treasurer; Mott Farrell, tail twister; Frank Carpenter, lion tamer; and Rollin Smith and Albert Posner, directors.

## Health Class

A two-unit course in Personal and Community Hygiene, which will deal with problems of personal and public health, will be offered at Harbor Junior College during the six-weeks summer session program which begins July 7.



Emmett Ingram



Dr. J. H. Hull

## Hull Given \$12,000 Year, New Contract

Included in the \$200,000 increase in the annual budget of Torrance Unified School District as tentatively set up are new salary increases for Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull and Assistant Superintendent-Business Manager E. W. Ingram. Dr. Hull and Ingram were rehired for a period of four years by the school board at its regular meeting last Tuesday.

Dr. Hull received an \$800 pay hike, making his annual salary \$12,000.

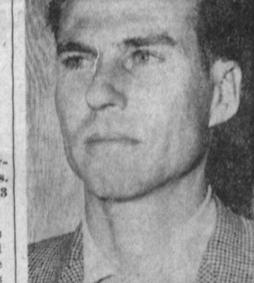
Ingram's \$600 pay boost brings his yearly salary up to \$9,500. Before joining the Torrance schools as the first superintendent, in 1947, Dr. Hull was assistant superintendent and business manager of Corona schools. Ingram had been associated with the State Department of Education.

## Kiwanis to Attend Confab

Torrance Kiwanis Club will be represented by Lt. Gov. Dr. Howard Wood, President Paul Loranger, and first Vice-president Chuck Ragsdale at the 37th annual Kiwanis International Convention in Seattle, Wash., on June 15th to 19th. The three officers will be accompanied to the four-day event by their wives.

International officers will be elected at the meet, and amendments to Kiwanis by-laws will be acted upon. Dr. G. D. Grey will deliver the keynote address "Liberty, Let's Keep It."

International Kiwanis President Claude Heilmann will head the confab.



Milt Isbell  
New Lion President



Paul Diamond  
Outgoing President