



R. D. "BILL" McEWEN

### Name R. D. McEwen to Realty Post

R. D. "Bill" McEwen was this week named chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board's Multiple Listing Service Bus Caravan. In his new position, McEwen will be responsible for organizing the caravan tours in which many local realtors survey and appraise property that is listed for sale in the Multiple Listing Service, it was reported.

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Through the combined efforts of the multiple listing and caravan services and the residents of Torrance, Lomita and adjacent territories, \$1,279,849 worth of property sales were reported in 1952, board officials disclosed.

**Good Year Ahead**  
McEwen stated that he would do all he could to promote greater use of the multiple listing and caravan services. "With the continued co-operation of Torrance and Lomita realtors and property owners, 1953 can be another record year for real estate transactions," he said.

McEwen is associated with the Bob Haggard realty firm.

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### Plan Gigantic Air Defense Project Here

Top officials of the U. S. Army Engineers Corps this week announced plans to build approximately \$1,000,000 worth of anti-aircraft installations in the Torrance area.

Bids will be invited in June for constructing barracks, armories, shops, warehouses and other military buildings to be utilized in the defense of this area should the need arise, according to Col. W. R. Shuler, district engineer.

Exactly where in Torrance the installations will be built was not revealed.

The program here will be part of a reported \$100,000,000 defense building project for Southern California, Nevada and Arizona, Col. Shuler disclosed.

Local supply agencies and contractors are being alerted to the program by means of a booklet listing the proposed military projects, the approximate dates for inviting bids, and the estimated cost ranges.

A man never shows his own character so plainly as by the way he portrays another's.  
J. P. Richter

### LEGION TO INDUCT 100

One hundred new members will be initiated into the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post No. 170 in ceremonies set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, according to Gordon Arnold, membership chairman.

Initiation will take place at the Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave. Whittier American Legion Post will serve as initiating team, Arnold said.

The ceremony will be followed by a buffet supper and dance. The General Petroleum Orchestra will provide dance music. Commander Harry Green in charge of arrangements.

The current membership drive is still in progress, Arnold disclosed. He urged all veterans interested in joining to call Torrance 1329, 1569-J, or 994-M for further information.

### Toastmaster

YMCA Executive Secretary Stan Roberts, Ted Barnette, and Dr. Jack Roberts were speakers of the day at Monday's meeting of the Noon Toastmasters Club of Torrance.

Roy Peterson was Toastmaster of the Day and Bob Owens was Table Topic Master. Walter Schaefer, president, presided.

### Isen, Father Of Torrance Attorney, Dies

Jacob Isen, father of Torrance attorney Albert Isen, died in a Los Angeles hospital last Friday following surgery. Death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

The 70-year-old Torrance pioneer opened the first retail store here, a general merchandise store, in 1912. He remained here until 1924. After residing in Los Angeles for nine years, he returned to Torrance in 1933, and remained until 1942.

A native of Rumania, Mr. Isen came to the United States while in his early teens.

He was a member of the Loyalty Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and the South Bay B'nai B'rith.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Sunday at Hollywood Beth Olam Cemetery in Santa Monica.

Mr. Isen leaves his wife, Mollie, of Los Angeles; a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Ness of Torrance; two sons, Julian of Los Angeles, and Albert of Torrance; and seven grandchildren.

### Build \$200,000 Paint Factory

A \$200,000 paint manufacturing plant is being built here at 213th st. and Avalon blvd. by the Old Quaker Paint Co.

Construction is under way now on the first installation, an open plant building, 75 feet by 300 feet, in which the varnish base for the paints will be made. This unit is slated to be in operation within six weeks.

A second plant of the facility will be built in June, according to J. Goodman, president of the firm. This building will house paint manufacturing and will be 150 feet by 100 feet, including administrative offices.

Approximately 60 factory workers and 15 clerical workers will be hired locally to man the new plant, it was reported.

West Coast headquarters of the firm are in Los Angeles.

### Business Fees Rites Held for Frank Gianni Net \$75,000

More than \$75,000 in business license revenue was received by this city during the year of 1952, city officials reported this week.

Of this total, 64 per cent, \$43,358, was derived from building contractor licenses, largely from out-of-town building firms. Only 33 per cent of all license revenue was paid in by Torrance firms and businesses, it was reported.

Second largest group of licenses went to Torrance's 318 retail stores. Revenue from this license classification was \$7632. Four hundred and thirty oil wells netted the city \$7200 in license fees, and 253 service establishments added \$6362 to the city coffers.

### Rites Held for Frank Gianni

Funeral services will be held this morning for Frank Gianni, 60, who died Tuesday at his home at 18332 S. Arlington ave.

Private services will be conducted by Rev. C. J. England of the First Christian Church at Roosevelt Cemetery preceding interment there.

A native of Lucca, Italy, Mr. Gianni had lived in Torrance for more than 40 years.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Cathryn Gianni, a sister, Antonette Gianni, both of the Arlington address, and a brother, Albert D. Gianni, of 213 W. 182nd st.

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