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\$30,000 Fire Razes Local Salvage Plant

Building Total Now \$14 Million

Residential building for the first five months of 1954 surpassed last year's record-breaking figure for the same period of time by \$900,000, it was announced this week.

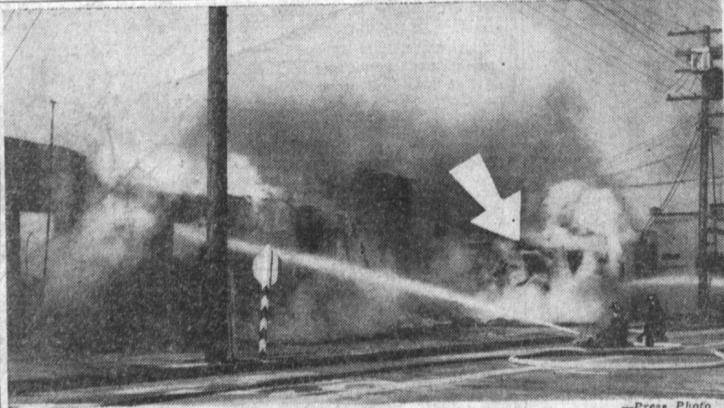
Permits issued by the building department for May totaled \$2,453,197 as compared with \$2,184,685 for the same month last year.

This brings the total for the first five months of this year to \$14,132,275. The total for the same period of 1953 was \$13,244,756. The year ended with an all-time high of about \$28,000,000.

GOV. KNIGHT TO VISIT HERE TODAY

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight will arrive in Torrance at 10:45 this morning. He will be welcomed in the Knight headquarters at 1329 Sartori. This is the governor's first visit to Torrance since his 1952 stay.

Lloyd Nix, campaign manager for Southern California, announced that the governor's party will include Richard McKinney, secretary to the governor; Al Calais, press secretary; General Jansen and Charles Worrell, security officers; Ace Anderson, field sound equipment; Russ Mather, field representative; and Gill



MEN AGAINST FIRE . . . seven fire engines battled a spectacular blaze Sunday which gutted the Pacific Waste Paper Co. and the

Torrance sulphur plant at 213th st. and Carbrillo. One wall is about to collapse (see arrow).

Summer Sessions

Summer classes will be conducted in all Torrance elementary schools from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at Torrance high school from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, from June 21 through July 30. Classes will not meet on Monday, July 5.

Over 1500 elementary students have already enrolled in the program. Tentative offerings for the high school summer session include typing, shorthand, math, algebra I, science and English. These offerings will enable students to obtain a maximum of five semester periods of high school credit if courses are completed satisfactorily.

Six Prizes To Be Awarded In 2nd Local Photo Contest

A first prize of \$50 in cash awarded by the Torrance Press, and five additional prizes are being offered in the second annual Torrance Press amateur

Torrance Press Wins 2 Top Awards In National Contest

The Torrance Press was honored with two out of six top awards in the nation-wide 1954 Best Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Controlled-Circulation Newspapers of America, Inc.

The Press was awarded first place for the best special edition and the best use of color printing among newspapers with a circulation between 15,000 to 30,000. The Press has a circulation of 28,500 per week.

In the special edition category, the award was made for the annual December 3 Christmas edition published by the Torrance Press. The award for color printing was made on the

basis of ads by Paul's Chevrolet, McCown drugs. The contest was open to the 160 newspapers which are members of CCNA. They represent a total circulation of 4,878,662. The average circulation was 30,491.

The contest was held Saturday, June 5, at 2 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, Carson and Flower, Rev. Paul Wenske officiating.

Chuckie was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Smith of

7 ENGINES CALLED TO FIGHT FIRE

A quiet Torrance Memorial Day week-end was interrupted late Sunday afternoon as seven fire engines raced to the scene of a raging inferno which gutted the Pacific Waste Products company at 1835 West 213th street, and spread to the United Sulphur company a half block away.

The blazing spectacle took over two hours to control and was not thoroughly subdued until 24 hours later.

"Firemen did a remarkable job in saving the Torrance Brass and Foundry works which stood right in the middle of the fire," Fire Chief J. J. Benner said.

Ernie Calkin, a civilian volunteer fireman, received injuries when the artery on his right hand was cut as he tried to enter the building through a window.

An 11-year-old watch dog, Queenie, was in the plant when it burned and was the only fatality. The dog was owned by

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Nancy LaDuke 1st To Enter Beauty Contest

The "Miss Torrance Beauty Contest," sponsored by the Torrance area youth bands, officially got under way this week. The first contestant to sign up is Miss Nancy LaDuke who is sponsored by the Torrance Optimist Club.

Miss LaDuke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. LaDuke, 725 Pine drive, is a senior at Torrance high school. The contest runs through June and July and ends on the night of July 30 with a huge

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Cancer Claims 2 1/2-Year-Old Chuckie Smith

Chuckie Smith, the little 2 1/2-year-old boy who fought a losing battle against cancer, died Tuesday morning, June 1.

The funeral will be held Saturday, June 5, at 2 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, Carson and Flower, Rev. Paul Wenske officiating.

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Need For New Police Quarters Desperate

By Police Sgt. BILL EVANS, Guest Editor

(In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is running a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community. Editorials may be submitted by anyone. All manuscripts become the property of the Torrance Press. We welcome ideas on any subject, controversial or otherwise. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers.)



Sgt. Bill Evans

To know your police department, should be, and is the prime purpose of this letter. Some knowledge of the aims and purposes as well as the trials and tribulations, under which we operate, is in order.

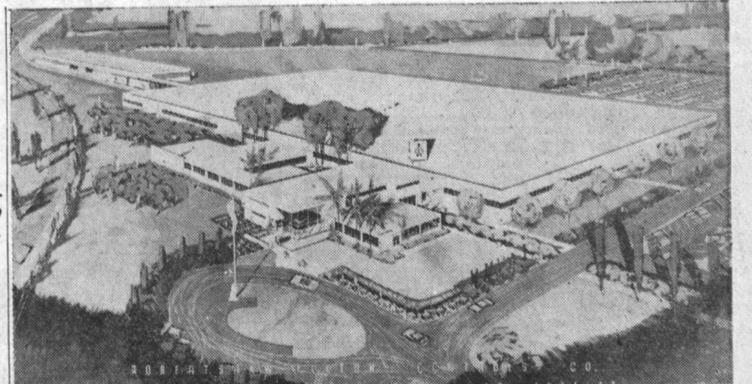
The proposition to provide funds for a new police department headquarters and the necessary adjuncts was defeated in the recent election, by a mere handful of votes.

The police department is housed in quarters provided originally for a department of twelve men, built in 1935 from the left-over portion of the WPA fund. This fund provided for the construction of a city hall, civic auditorium, and a police station. Seemingly now as then we are the step child of the city government.

Today with a total of 44 employees, every nook and cranny of our space is crowded with some essential part of the administrative needs of the department.

We are entirely lacking in proper jail facilities, juvenile detention facilities, adequate accommodations for female prisoners.

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FIRST CONSTRUCTION in the new Dominguez Industrial area is the three million dollar project begun February 4 by the Grayson Controls division of the Robertshaw-Fulton Controls company. The buildings are sched-

uled for completion November 1. Location is the Dominguez Carson vicinity at the intersection of Long Beach boulevard and the Dominguez Estate company's new Victoria street.

Council And News Briefs

AIRPORT: (Council) Three industrial plants are seeking a site on the northeast corner of Torrance airport (west of Crenshaw). Sheridan-Gray, Inc., Machine Tools are asking for 3 1/2 acres. Hi-Shear Rivet Tool Co. is seeking 10 acres. Longren has also requested a lease on 10 acres.

PARK: The city council will consider developing land above Torrance beach into a 25-acre park and picnic area. Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem declared that state and county funds are available.

INVOCATION: Councilman Mervin M. Schwab thanked Mayor Nick Drale for being given the honor of rendering the invocation at the beginning of each council session. He preferred, though, that the invocations be more representative. He asked that he could arrange to have different ministers appear from week to week. Request granted.

BURGLARY: (news) Two

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Huge Dominguez Industrial Area To Celebrate Opening

Southern California's newest land development for industry, created by the Dominguez Estate company in the Alameda Carson vicinity, will be celebrated Wednesday, June 9, in ceremonies beginning at 2:30 p.m. to be attended by state, county, and neighboring cities' officials. The occasion is the opening of the area's new Victoria street, a 3800-foot trafficway extending from Santa Fe avenue to Long Beach boulevard.

The new street, built at a cost of \$75,000, is being given to Los Angeles county and the city of Long Beach by the Dominguez Estate company which is developing 350 acres designed by Quinton Engineers, Ltd., Los Angeles, as the first step in preparing 1000 acres of the Rancho's great area for industrial use.

The Grayson Controls division of the Robertshaw-Fulton Controls company is the area's first customer, having been under construction there on a 30-acre site at the corner of Victoria street and Long Beach boulevard, since February 4. Completion of the 237,000 square-foot construction costing \$3,000,000 is scheduled for November 1.

This Man's Business Too Good!

Some people complain because they don't get enough business. Lawrence Love, of 152 East 215th street, however, complained because he can't handle all the business he's been getting!

What did it of course, was an ad placed in the Torrance Press classified section.

After Love placed his ad in the Torrance Press, he met with such response that he was actually unable to fill all the orders with which he was suddenly flooded.

His ad read as follows:

PLOWING & DISCING — Reasonable. Terminal 4-7931. Ask for Mr. Love

If you're looking for results, we'll get 'em for you. But you better be prepared for an avalanche!

Lions To Fete Tijuana Group

The Torrance Lions Club will host 30 businessmen from the Tijuana Lions Club Tuesday night, June 8, at a dinner and social hour to be held in Alan Richard hall starting at 6:30 p.m. The visiting group will be presented with the key to the city. Professional entertainment will be provided.

GERMAN EDUCATOR VISITS TORRANCE

Dr. Ernst Matthewes, superintendent of schools in Hamburg, Germany, this week visited Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools of the Torrance unified school district.

"America is an exciting nation," Dr. Matthewes declared. Commenting on the American school system he said:

"I am very impressed by the good discipline here. You have a 'free discipline.' Students feel their responsibility to school life. They are always busy."

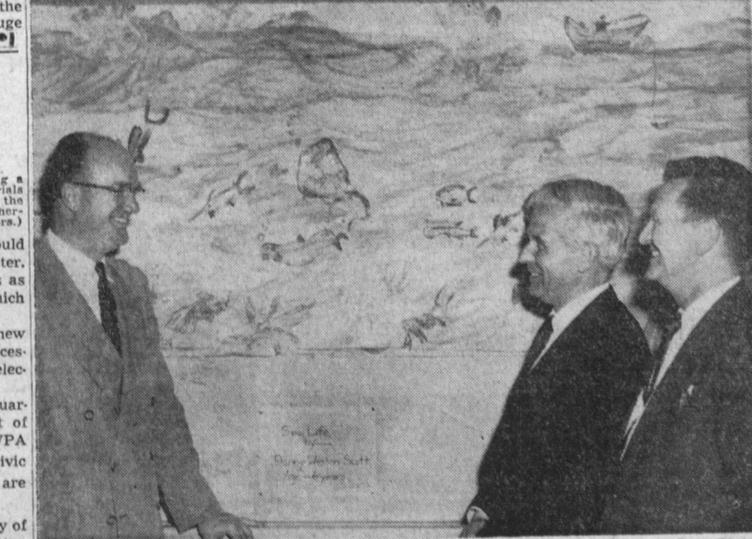
Dr. Matthewes is superintendent of 400 schools with an enrollment of 250,000. He has been in the school system 30 years, his post being a life-time appointment.

Opposition The superintendent is mak-

ing a tour of the United States in order to study the American school system. He has been trying to introduce American practices in Germany, but finds considerable opposition from the public which insists on traditional methods.

While American boards of education are elected directly by the people, German boards are appointed by parliament with the senator acting as president of the board, the superintendent stated.

Dr. Matthewes has been in the United States for a period of six weeks.



GERMAN VISITOR . . . Dr. Ernst Matthewes, superintendent of schools from Hamburg, Germany, visited Torrance this week. Here to greet him were Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superin-

tendent of schools (left) and Walter Rehwaldt, director of instructions (right). The three are seen inspecting a mural drawn by a 6-year-old student.



FLIES . . . Roy V. Perrin, of 2421 W. 171st St., asked the city council for help in eliminating the fly menace in his tract. Swarms of flies from a near-by dairy have invaded the residential area. Immediate correction of the conditions was promised. (See Story Page 3)

PRESS AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST OPENS