

# BETHLEHEM STEEL BUILDS \$5 MILLION PLANT HERE

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# Nativity Church Offers Building To Hospital In Expansion Issue

## COUNCIL HEARING TUESDAY

In an effort to avert a critical situation, Nativity Catholic Church this week offered to sell its recently purchased church addition at cost to the expansion-minded Torrance Memorial hospital.

The church adjoins the hospital, which is located at 1425 Engracia.

This surprise move comes on the eve of the city council's final consideration of the controversial issue this coming Tuesday, June 22, at 8 p.m.

The building is better qualified to take care of the present and future needs of the hospital than the proposed two-wing addition which is objectionable to the church, Rev. Patrick J. McGuinness explained.

**Up to Physicians**  
Whether the staff physicians of the hospital will accept this present offer is the question. An attempt was made recently to interest the 64 physicians in acquiring the identical building. A total of 25 doctors was needed to subscribe \$1000 each for the purchase of the building. Only 12 physicians were willing to do so, it was learned.

Hospital staff doctors are primarily responsible for hospital expansion and improvement, it has been stated.

The construction of a new hospital, which would have to be financed primarily by them, would cost around one million dollars. The present building is being offered for \$25,000.

One reason why the staff doctors refused to purchase the church building is that they considered it worth only half

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## Set Hearing On Parking Meters

The first of two public hearings on the parking meter question and the proposed ordinance will be held June 22 before the city council, according to recent council action.

The council set the hearing date after the city traffic commission recommended that meters be installed on a "trial basis" on seven streets in the central shopping district.

Hall has prepared an ordinance which would earmark net revenues from the meters for purchase of off-street parking sites.

### Location

The meters were recommended by the commission for installation along Cravens ave., between Torrance blvd. and Cabrillo ave., Cabrillo ave. between Post ave. and Carson st.; Sartori ave. between Torrance blvd. and Cabrillo ave., Cabrillo ave. between Cravens and Border ave., Marcelina ave. from Border to Arlington ave., Gramercy ave. between Cabrillo and Carson and Post ave., Prado from Cravens to Border.

### Lots

Meanwhile, George Binder has offered to lease three parking lot sites to the city for a nominal yearly fee or sell them at his cost, provided they are paved. They are at the northeast corner of Sartori ave. and Engracia st., northwest corner of Engracia and Border ave. and by the American Legion Hall on Border ave. Paving would cost about \$3000, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Extension of center street parking, which was instituted along Cabrillo Ave. last year, has been approved by the council.

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## COUNCIL BRIEFS

**AMBULANCE SERVICE:** Mayor Nick Drale asked for a study of setting up an ambulance service in Torrance. There have been several accidents where injured individuals had to wait too long for ambulance attention, he explained.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF:** The civil service board was asked to draw up the rules for an examination for assistant chief immediately. The council by a 3 to 2 vote overruled the board's recommendation to postpone the examination.

**CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS:** Examinations to bring the eligibility lists of all job classifications up-to-date were called for by the council upon Councilman Victor Benstead's motion.

**GARBAGE DUMPING:** The health department and the police were ordered to contact the offending party at Andreo and Carson who has been dumping garbage on three lots.

**STREAMLINED SESSIONS:** Councilman Albert Isen asked that the council study the matter of streamlining the reading of communications. He asked that the clerk prepare briefs rather than read the communications in full.

**TRAILER TROUBLE:** Approval for a trailer court at 236th St. opposite the Howard Wood school was held up. The matter was returned to the planning commission for study following protests from Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and a petition signed by 17 residents.

**GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL:** Refusal of public employees to testify in investigations of government bribery before the Los Angeles county grand jury will be grounds for instant dismissal. An ordinance to that effect will be drafted at the request of the grand jury.

**PLANNING CONSULTANT:** George Powell was appointed to assume the duties of planning consultant for the city of Torrance.

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## Do We Want High School Double Sessions?

Torrance High School must go on double session in the fall. We are against double sessions in general and against double sessions for Torrance High School in particular.

There is no reason why Torrance High School should go on half-day sessions. It is estimated this condition will exist until the fall of 1955.

One reason why the Board is caught in its present predicament is that the North Torrance High School, now under construction, will not be completed in time to be used in the fall.

The money for the North Torrance High School has been lying around a long time. Why weren't steps taken to build it sooner?

The North Torrance school could be ready by fall. Instead of students, let's put the contractor on double sessions! Los Angeles did this with its freeways. Torrance can do it with its schools!

There is no reason why the contractor could not work two or three eight-hour shifts a day. The Board could make the proper arrangements to take care of the additional costs.

Torrance school officials have argued that the trend in education is towards double sessions. They claim that it is "bad business" to use school facilities for only a few hours a day and let them stand idle the rest of the time.

We disagree with these ideas, and, regardless of "trends," we think that half-day sessions are bad.

**Half-day sessions produce half-educated children.** Children and teachers cannot function efficiently on a production-mill basis. A proper personal relationship is denied teachers and their students.

Club activities, recreational activities, etc. which are such an essential part of character building and which have become such an integral part of our public education system, will be greatly curtailed or even denied.

While the Board of Education attempts to solve its educational problems through double sessions, it will burden the community with a new and serious problem. There'll be an army of school children with nothing to do both in the mornings and afternoons.

Does the Board of Education have a plan to cope with this problem since it is the one which has created it?

Will the Board provide work for these students since the community certainly does not have enough part-time jobs available? Will the Board recommend "recreation" as a way out, knowing how hard-pressed the recreational facilities are?

Recreation will again suffer another serious set-back because school facilities will no longer be available for after-school programs.

Members of the Board of Education are elected to express the interests of our community. We would like to see a little more individual expression of ideas on behalf of the Board members. Too often they act in the official capacity of rubber stamps.

## RETIRING RILEYS HOSTED

City employees, department heads, the recreation department, and the adult recreation center all paid tribute Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Riley who are retiring after serving the city for 18 years.

The Rileys were showered with gifts at a party held in their honor at the adult recreation center. They were given a set of patio furniture, chaise longue, and a car.

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## TRASH CANS PLANNED FOR DOWN-TOWN

Members of the junior chamber of commerce plan to solve the downtown rubbish problem by providing downtown merchants with 200 trash cans.

Jaycees have been working on this project for several weeks, according to Vern Lovelady.

The trash cans will have "rubbish" painted on them. They will be available free of charge or at a nominal cost. Head of the project is Bob Meiger.



BETHLEHEM PACIFIC COAST STEEL officials were present Monday to review the Torrance site of their proposed plant on 190th st. near Western. Construction is to start this summer. Left to right are: W. W. Hofmann, (kneeling) chief engineer of construction; E. F. Gohl (back), vice-president of Bethlehem at San Francisco; H. H. Fuller, president, Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel; and F. C. Todd, Jr., (kneeling) works manager of the L. A. works.

## Steel Co. to Employ 300

Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel corporation will build a new structural steel fabricating plant in Torrance, at an estimated cost of \$4 to \$5 million. Work on the new plant is scheduled to begin this summer.

Announcement was made today by H. H. Fuller, president of the company. The new facilities should be in operation about one year after start of construction.

### Location

The new plant will be built on a recently purchased 46-acre tract of land on 190th street near Western avenue and will replace the present Fabricating Works at 11100 South Central avenue in Los Angeles.

The steel framework for many familiar structures in the Los Angeles area, such as the Los Angeles City Hall, Grauman's theater, Prudential Building, Tishman buildings, and the UCLA medical center was fabricated at the present Los Angeles plant.

The plant will hire about 300 workers.

Larger Capacity of the new steel fabricating works will be greater than that of the present operation. Production will be more diversified and will provide facilities for the fabrication of both light and heavy steel framing and for riveted, welded, and bolted erection.

Long span joists will be added to the established line of steel fabricated members for bridge, industrial and commercial structures. Over three acres will be under roof at the new shop.

## LATE NEWS!

### GRAND THEFT . . . Marlan Wade Glenn, 36, formerly associated with the now defunct Post Avenue Motors, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, placed on three years' probation, and ordered to make full restitution. Glenn had been arrested on charges of grand theft. He was sentenced in Long Beach superior court.

**TELEPHONE ROMEO . . .** Earl A. Gallaudet, 34, of 601 1/2 East Broadway, Hawthorne, will appear in court on charges of disturbing the peace and lewd conduct. He made telephone arrangements for a get-together with a North Torrance housewife, but was met by Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton instead.

**BURGLARY . . .** A tool chest and fishing equipment were stolen from the garage of Mrs. George Nelson Cullen, 3415 West 188th street.

**RUBBER PLANTS . . .** The Rubber Producing Facilities Disposal Commission has certified 36 companies to bid on purchase of three Torrance rubber plants. The plants include a butadiene plant operated by Shell Chemical company; a styrene plant, operated by Dow Chemical company, and a rubber processing plant, operated by Midland Rubber company.

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## 20% Budget Increase Anticipated

This year's city budget request is 20 per cent higher than last year's, City Manager George Stevens disclosed this week. A \$1,850,000 general fund has been requested. This will be cut about \$300,000, Stevens declared.

No indication was given how the budget increase will affect taxes for the coming year. "We haven't talked about taxes as yet," Stevens said.

There will be some salary increases but how much the increase will be is not known at present. Budget details will be worked out within the next two weeks.

There will be no budget reductions in any of the city departments, Stevens said. Their responsibilities have increased and each one of them has asked for additional funds.

## Press Offers Service For Busy Shoppers

Need a hard-to-find item? Looking for that "special" gift? Too busy to browse?

The Torrance Press "personal shopping service" is the answer to your problem. When you are stumped, just pick up your phone and dial FAirfax 8-2345 and ask for Marjorie, our personal shopper. No cost, no obligation.



SANDRA LEA CONSTANCE, 18, who came into prominence when she was chosen "Miss Torrance of 1954," now is a candidate for the "Miss Los Angeles" title. The former Torrance high school student will enter the June 29 elimination contest with 49 other girls.

## FIRST WINNER ANNOUNCED IN PRESS PHOTO CONTEST

Russell H. Carroll of 3203 West 186th street, Torrance was chosen the first of six finalists in the second annual Torrance Press photo contest this week. The photo is a picture of His Excellency Bishop Timothy Manning giving his blessing as he left St. Catherine of Labour church after the spring confirmation.

A first prize of \$50 in cash will be awarded by the Torrance Press when the contest ends. There will be five additional finalists through Monday, July 10.

Second prize in the all-amateur competition is a Kodak Duaflex FS deluxe flash camera outfit (\$27.50). It consists of a camera, flash attachment, eight bulbs, two rolls of film, two batteries, and a flash shield. Second prize will be awarded by A-1 Photo Supplies, 1312 Sartori avenue.

Third prize, consisting of \$15 worth of either film or paper or both will be awarded by Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post avenue.

There will be three \$5 cash prizes for the three runners-up Photo Arts, A-1 Photos, and the Torrance Press will each donate one of these prizes.

The contest, which will last six weeks, will be run on an elimination basis.

A finalist will be chosen each week. First, second and third place winners will be chosen from among the six finalists.

Each week's finalist will have his or her winning photograph reproduced on the front page of the Torrance Press.

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## Woman Calls To Report Bed Gone . . .

"My bed's gone!" the woman said excitedly over the phone.

"Your name and address, M'am?"

"Mrs. J. Babinsky, 703 'C' Sartori."

"When did you discover that it was gone?"

"Thursday morning, at 8:30 a.m."

"Were you satisfied with your ad?"

"Sure was, terrific results!" Mrs. Babinsky ran the following ad in The Torrance Press classified section:

FOR SALE—Full size mahogany bed, springs, mattress, \$15. Large walnut vanity, \$15. 703 "C" Sartori

Fifteen effective words costing only 75 cents can get you instant results when you place your ad in The Torrance Press classified section. Why not call FA. 8-2345—NOW!

**Council Approves Airport Commission**  
Establishment of an airport commission was approved by the city council last week. City Attorney James Hall has been asked to draw up the proper ordinance. Each member of the city council will appoint one commissioner.



FIRST FINALIST in the Torrance Press amateur photography contest is Russell H. Carroll, 3203 W. 186th st., Torrance. His prize-winning photo shows His Excellency, Bishop Timothy Manning giving his blessing as he leaves St. Catherine of Labour church after the confirmation, May 15, 1954. He is flanked by Father Brockman (left) and Father Mulvihill.