

HUGE \$30 MILLION PROJECT PLANNED WITH 2500 HOMES, SHOPPING CENTER

Unexpected Company



EAGER BEAVER . . . Doyle W. Settle, 24, of Los Angeles lost control of his car Monday morning as he swerved to avoid hitting a bus which was making a left turn. He hit this model home instead. It is located in the Laraway housing tract, Osage and Redondo Beach blvd. The builders maintain that Settle was simply an over-anxious customer. Settle was the only one who was hurt, and his injuries were minor.

Kids To Sign Up Monday For Annual Swim Program

The Torrance recreation department and The Kiwanis club are again sponsoring the annual swim program at Alondra Park. It will last four weeks and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday of August, starting August 3.

Parents must register each child in person, starting Monday July 19. This is to be done at the local playground, the one nearest the child's home.

The bus schedule will be announced later, but usually the busses are loaded at the playground.

This is the fourth year for the program, and an even greater attendance is anticipated this year. Swimming certificates are awarded to those who pass the tests. Children are divided according to age groups for the tests.

Transportation is provided by the use of city busses, paid for by the Kiwanis club. Instructors are provided by the recreation department.

The money for this program comes from the annual Kid's Day program held by the Kiwanis club every September. Every cent which is contributed during the Kid's Day festivities is spent locally, it was disclosed with the swim program being the club's outstanding project.

Carson School Okayed

Construction of one school unit and approval of plans for a new school were announced by the Los Angeles Board of Education.

LOCATION

Plans for 223rd St. School, to be located on 223rd St. near the Torrance city limits, were approved by the board, with working plans now to be prepared by Harold Burton, architect.

COST

The new elementary school will be built at a cost of \$354,000. It is the third new school in this area to be built with funds from the 1952 bond issue.

WHY WE NEED A TEENAGE CENTER

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.

By PEGGY WOOD (a teenager)

I am writing this editorial on behalf of the many teenagers in Torrance who feel that this town needs a place for them. The adults have a recreation center. The younger set have many parks which have a wide summer recreation program. But what about the teenagers? What do we have?

We have a skating rink, but for the majority that is too expensive. If we are fortunate we have school clubs and we have the YMCA and the YWCA clubs where we can get together. Some are not as fortunate as that. What about them?

We, as growing citizens of this community feel we should have a casual place to go to and discuss things and have some informal recreation.

Sixty communities in Southern California have youth centers which are members of the Southern California Youth Association. You would believe on looking at the population of almost 50,000 people in Torrance, that this city would have a place where teenagers could meet, staying in the city, and in the reach of the parents.

At the present time the teenagers go out of town for practically any kind of entertainment.

Some of the teenagers are even joining youth centers in other communities. Do you think that makes Torrance an excellent growing community? In my opinion it does not.

From the discussion around town I have gathered up these suggestions as to what a teenage center might be like and how it might be run from the teenager's point of view.

1. A place that would be open five or six nights a week for leisure time.
2. A place equipped with a dance floor, ping-pong tables, and a lounge.
3. A dance with "live" music one night a week.
4. Soft drinks and possibly hamburgers would be sold at a snack bar.
5. Having it run as an organization with membership cards, and youth leaders in charge of the center. The leaders would be chosen by the membership of the organization. After rules are set up by this group, they would be enforced by them, and problems would be handled by them at meetings of the entire membership.

The goal of this youth organization should be of some value to the community by cutting down on juvenile delinquency and possibly property damage.

This center may not affect your life personally, but it will affect your children, or your grandchildren, or if nothing more, it will promote the welfare of Torrance.

Something has to be done. The teenagers would be happy to work on a center, but it takes the citizens' support, too. Let's all get on the bandwagon.

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500 Acres Involved In Project

Torrance's building program is heading toward unprecedented heights this week as reliable sources indicate that a gigantic 2500-home housing project is intended for this area.

Negotiations between the Milton Kauffman Construction corporation and Del Amo Estates for the purchase of 500 acres of land at Hawthorne and Torrance boulevards were reported completed or nearly completed.

This will be the largest tract of homes ever to be constructed in the city of Torrance.

Shopping Center
Also intended for the area is a 40-acre shopping center, probably similar to the one intended for the other 2300-home housing project now going up at 190th street and Hawthorne boulevard.

The proposed new site is bounded by Torrance boulevard, Sepulveda boulevard, Hawthorne boulevard and the Torrance city limits.

Previous Project
The present project would follow in the wake of a similar huge project begun in the fall of last year at 190th and Hawthorne. That area is almost identical in size with the present site.

It is estimated that the present project would cost about \$30,000,000, since the smaller, northerly project cost about \$27,000,000.

The homes will probably cost around \$12,000. Spokesmen for Milton Kauffman would not comment on the matter at present.

Parking Meters Here Soon

Council To Ask For Bids

Parking meters for downtown Torrance are on their way. All that is needed now is for the council to call for and award bids. Once the bids are awarded, it is a matter of days before the meters start to pop up all over downtown Torrance.

Parking meters were given the green light Tuesday night when the city council voted 4 to 1 in favor of the parking meter ordinance.

LOCATION

The ordinance calls for the installation of 400 meters on a trial basis along the following streets: 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

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LATE NEWS

STOLEN CHECKS: Three or four checks stolen from the Dasco Company, 1630 East Compton boulevard, have been passed in Torrance. The checks are in the amount of \$60, July 2, payable to George Lee Mowery, made out allegedly by Herbert E. Glicke.

CLOTHES DISAPPEAR: Ivan Jones, 26, of 5633 Rockview drive, found most of his clothes missing when he returned home late Friday afternoon. Two suspects were seen leaving the house. They gained access through an open window.

NEW APPOINTMENT: Ernest Hill was appointed chairman of the Hammerton tract area at the regular meeting of the Carson Civic Betterment association.

DRESSER CASE: A verdict on charges of illegally practicing architecture is due on July 20 in the case of James S. Dresser, city building inspector, who was fired by the city council two months ago.

FAREWELL DINNER: Mrs. W. C. Sidwell, 1443 West 223rd street, was given a farewell dinner party at the Ding How Cafe Tuesday night. Mrs. Sidwell has served two years as chairman of Councilman J. Gib-

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Did You Hear About Faucett?...

Mr. George Faucett of 1135 Greenhedge knows the secret of success.

He was caught in a very normal predicament—he had something which he wanted to sell. Like so many people he did the wisest thing possible—he placed a small, inexpensive ad in the Torrance Press classified section.

This is the way his ad read:

FOR SALE—Shopsmith, nearly all accessories Sacrifice. FA. 7-7056

His experience with the Torrance Press was true to form—he sold the Shopsmith instantly.

And, confidentially, the calls kept coming for days, long after he had sold what he had advertised.



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME . . . Here are the latest figures on the "Miss Torrance" beauty contest to be held July 30. Cuties from left to right are: Babs Whitley, 17, Stadium Theater; JoAnn Davie, 17, Sport Shop; and Shirlee Garner, 18, Torrance mounted police. There are now nine in the race for the queen title.

LIONS TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Warren Hamilton will be installed president of the Lions club at the dinner-dance installation to be held July 30. Cuties from left to right are: Babs Whitley, 17, Stadium Theater; JoAnn Davie, 17, Sport Shop; and Shirlee Garner, 18, Torrance mounted police. There are now nine in the race for the queen title.

Dinner will be served at 8:15 p.m. with a fellowship hour preceding from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hamilton will be installed by Charles Roberts, district governor of district 4D1. Other officers to be installed include: Mott Farrell, first vice-president; Abe Robinson, second



WARREN HAMILTON . . . Top Lion.

vice-president; Albert Posner, third vice-president; Fred Boren, secretary; Pete Radtsich, treasurer; Sam Van Wagner, tail twister; Walt Inman, lion tamer.

New club directors are: Ruel Moulton, Paul Diamond, H. J. Osborne, and Hugh Bowman.

Outgoing officers include: Roy Peterson, president; Warren Hamilton, first vice-president; Mott Farrell, second vice-president; Abe Robinson, third vice-president.

Trash Collection

In case trash collection days turn out to be holidays, trash will be collected the following day, it was announced this week by Ralph Perkins, street superintendent.

Perkins stated that local residents seemed to be confused on this point since numerous phone calls regarding the matter pour into the city hall after every holiday.

Press Photo Contest Enters Final Week

With one more week to go in the Torrance Press annual amateur photography contest, J. Winston Holmes of 1121 Eriel ave., emerged as this week's winner.

Holmes' prize-winning shot is of a boy and an elephant entitled "Small Boy — Big Dream."

Local residents are urged to bring or send their favorite snap shots to the Torrance Press before five o'clock Monday, July 19 for the final week of the contest. If the picture itself is less than 5" by 7" the negative should be submitted with it.

Six Prizes

Six wonderful prizes will be awarded at the end of the contest. There will be three top prizes and three runners-up.

The first prize of \$50 cash will be awarded by the Torrance Press.

Second prize in the all-amateur competition is a Kodak Dual-flash F8 deluxe flash camera outfit (\$27.50). It consists of a camera, flash attachment, eight bulbs, two rolls of film, two batteries, and flash shield. Second prize will be awarded by A-1 Photo Supplies, 1312 Sartori avenue.

Third prize, consisting of \$15

Monday Last Day To Enter Photo Contest

The Torrance Press annual amateur photography contest is going into its final week now. So get out your snapshots and rush them over to the Press office before Monday, July 19, p.m. in order to have a chance at one of the six big prizes being awarded.

Remember that you can enter any kind of black and white snapshot. If it's smaller than 5"x7" the negative must accompany the picture.

Photos do not have to be of a local nature!

The contest is open to everyone living within the circulation area of this newspaper.

All pictures may be picked up at the Press office at the end of the contest.

Include the following information with your picture, name, age, address, phone number, explanation or title of picture.

West Basin Experiments To Continue

Continuance of operation of the salt water barrier operation in the West Basin by the County Flood Control District during the current fiscal year was approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

"Since the experiment began last year, it has exceeded all our expectations," the board was told by Col. Harold Hedger.

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Assessed Valuation Increases

Torrance's assessed valuation and city sales tax receipts went way up this year, according to figures announced by city officials.

Assessed evaluation, exclusive of public utilities, is \$76,488,280, according to information received from the office of County Assessor John R. Quinn. This is a boost of more than \$15,000,000 over the \$61,313,410 of last year.

The current figure, subject to possible changes by the Board of Supervisors, comes close to the estimate made by City Manager George Stevens when he submitted a proposed budget to the City Council several weeks ago.

Collections on the city sales tax of .05 cents per \$1 totaled \$94,348, according to the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. This is a boost of almost \$9000 over the \$85,429 received during the 1952-53 period.

Runners-Up

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 two more 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. The winning shot will be selected from

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PLANNERS TO RECONSIDER MORTUARY

The planning commission will reconsider the request for construction of a mortuary at Craven and Engracia at Wednesday, July 21.

The matter was returned to the commission for further study by the city council last week. The commission originally recommended that request for a variance to construct the mortuary be granted.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

DRIVING RANGE: City Manager George Stevens was instructed to make a recommendation next week to the council as to which one of the two parties seeking a lease for a golf driving range on the Torrance airport is to receive the lease. Those asking for a lease are Ronald E. Moran and James Crawford.

TRAILER PARK: Request for building a trailer park at Arlington and 236th street was granted by a 3 to 2 vote of the city council. Restriction as to the number of children and provisions for play areas were made part of the conditions.

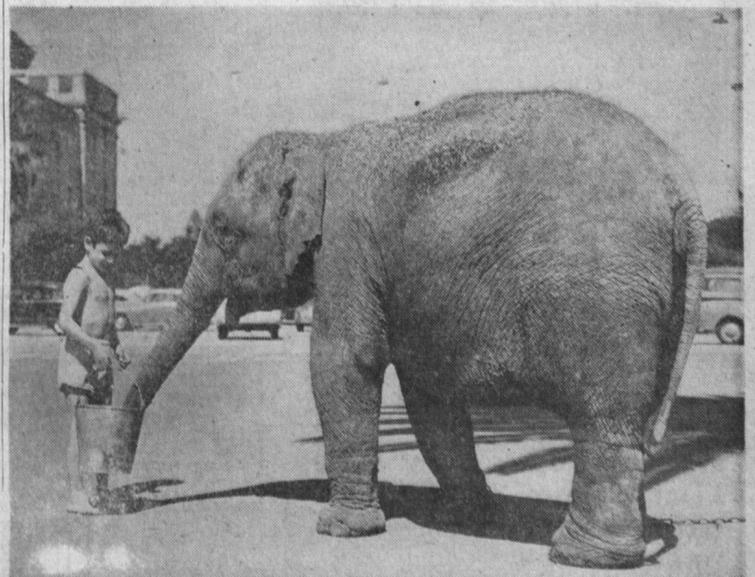
USE TAX: Collection of a use tax from local residents was tabled for the time being.

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Torrance Press Installs Phone Switchboard

Because of the tremendous increase of activity in the classified department, a switchboard will be installed in the Press office.

Torrance residents will be pleased with the modernized, efficient service, as the Press continues to serve the ever-expanding needs of Torrance.



"SMALL BOY — BIG DREAM" . . . That's what J. Winston Holmes of 1121 Eriel ave. calls his prize-winning shot. Holmes is the fifth win-

ner in the Torrance Press photo contest. Monday, 5 p.m. is the deadline for entering pictures as the contest enters its final week.