

'WE LIKE TORRANCE BEST' SAY HILL DEVELOPERS

City Council Given All The Facts

"We like Torrance best" was the underlying theme of facts and figures presented to the City Council Tuesday night by the developers of the 6513 acres in the Rolling Hills area proposed for annexation. This represented the first time that full and formal figures as seen by the developers were presented to the Council and to the public.

A brochure, containing charts and explanations, provided a thorough picture of how much the city and the Board of Education would receive in taxes and revenues and how much it would cost the city and the schools to service the area in return.

Land Involved

The area involved in the annexation issue is 10 square miles in size or 6513 acres. It is over half the size of present-day Torrance and is larger than either Westwood, Beverly Hills, or Bel Air taken individually, it was pointed out.

Figures covering a 10-year span indicated that the city would come out ahead every year.

For instance, the year 1955-56 shows a projected income of \$173,006, with the expense to (Continued on Page 8)

LATE NEWS

BARRICADE: City Attorney James Hall this week admitted that the city of Torrance and Watt Construction company made a mistake in not securing an easement for street and sidewalk purposes in front of property owned by Leo S. Girard of 17102 Prairie avenue. Girard has thrown up a barricade.

ELLINWOOD: Residents along Pacific Coast highway in the Ellinwood tract appeared before the Board of Education to complain of poor drainage near the site of the Pacific elementary school. The Board promised help.

BUM CHECKS: Johnny Burdine, 30, of Chino, California, pleaded guilty to passing \$571 worth of checks with insufficient funds in the Torrance area. His wife, Margaret, pleaded guilty to three misdemeanors. She must make restitution for \$110 and is on two (Continued on Page 8)

Girl Hurt By 'Wire' Trick

Kids playing a practical joke on motorists by stretching a strip of paper across the road caused an injury to a seven-year-old girl. The girl struck her car against the dash board of her mother's car as the mother slammed on the brakes upon seeing the wire-like paper strip.

Injured was Marie Mata, 7, daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Mata of 22978 Cabrillo. Mrs. Mata thought that the paper strip was a piece of wire stretched across the road on 203rd st. and forced her car to a sudden stop.

Several Nominations Made For 'Best Citizen' Award

Several nominations have already been received for the "Best Citizen of the Year" award and residents are again encouraged to submit their nominations to the Chamber of Commerce, according to President Paul Loranger.

The trophy, given to the outstanding individual in the community for the year 1954, will be awarded at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held March 3.

Deadline for nominations is February 3.

Judges will determine the winner on the basis of service rendered to the city of Torrance during 1954.

Candidates must be nominated in writing. The letter should be addressed to: Selection Board, Citizen of the Year Award, Chamber of Commerce, Torrance.

Eligible

Men or women over 21 years old are eligible for nomination. Individuals must be residents within the city limits of Torrance, or own property or business in Torrance, or be em-

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ON THE MARCH



MOMS WILL MARCH Monday night, January 31, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in an intensive all-out drive to raise funds for the "March of Dimes." A 1000 mothers will canvas every home in Torrance. Marchers will include (l-r) Mrs. Glen Runsted, Torrance Mothers' March chairman; Mrs. R. E. Murphy, area chairman; and Mrs. J. C. Large, area director.

JOB FOR JUNIORS PROGRAM OUTLINED

Formation of a Youth Employment Organization received the wholehearted support and approval of Mrs. Winona Ellis, local manager of the California Department of Employment.

"We'll always be most cooperative with any community group trying to provide jobs for juniors," Mrs. Ellis stated. The job need for juniors has always been greater than the jobs available. The problem has become acute since Torrance High school has gone on half-day sessions thus providing youngsters with much more idle time.

Youth Employment Organizations have been set up in such cities as Sacramento, San Francisco, and Oakland.

Group Representation Such an organization is community-sponsored and consists of representatives from veterans' organizations, P.T.A.s, service clubs, merchants, industry, and others.

Each of the representatives must keep in touch with members of his organization, keeping on the look-out for job opportunities for youngsters.

The Youth Employment Organization keeps a record of all available jobs and forwards that information to the Department (Continued on Page 8)

Father Gara Transferred

Rev. Robert Gara, assistant pastor at Nativity Catholic church for the past five years, has been transferred to be assistant pastor at St. Clements Catholic church, Ocean Park, California. It was announced this week.

Rev. Gara assumed his new duties Tuesday of this week.

Rev. Thomas J. Glynn, assistant pastor at St. John the Baptist Catholic church, Baldwin Park, will replace Father Gara at the local church.

The combined societies of the parish met at the Nativity Parish hall Monday evening for a farewell party in Father Gara's honor.

Man Admits He's A Bigamist

C. Gerald Groh, 30, of 16732 Crenshaw blvd., decided to change his plea of not guilty to guilty on a bigamy charge after learning that the absence of his first wife at the trial would not halt the proceedings. Groh, who came up for trial Friday before Judge Aubrey N. Irving in the Los Angeles Superior Court, must appear for sentencing February 15 at 9 a.m. in Department 45.

Groh's wife No. 1, Mrs. Cornelia Groh, charged that Groh had married again while he was still married to her. Wife No. 2, Veronica Sallee Groh, 26, claimed Groh as her husband at a preliminary hearing in November.

Groh allegedly remarried while wife No. 1 was away on a three weeks' vacation to see her folks. Groh claimed that she intended to leave him and get a divorce.

Despite the fact that wife No. 1 was not at the trial, evidence obtained from her during the preliminary hearing was considered satisfactory for the trial.

Man Charged With Morals Offense

A misdemeanor charge, including indecent exposure and molesting a school-aged girl, were filed this week against Gordon Daniels alias Danny Jordan, 33, of 22963 Walnut, according to Sgt. James Kilgore of the sheriff's station.

Charges were pressed against Daniels by a 14-year-old Long Beach girl. Daniels allegedly had a date with the girl's aunt Sunday. When the woman was not at home, he persuaded the young girl to go with him instead.

Daniels was living with another man at the Walnut street address. A warrant is out for him now and bail has been set at \$1000.

Daniels has a wife in Oklahoma. The man is a welder by trade but has been out of work in recent weeks. He has been working part-time as a bartender, it was stated.

The girl stated she felt groggy and there is the possibility that a stupefying drug was used, Sergeant Hilgore said.

Anyone for Dancing? And How!

Torrance residents "square" it. Why, man, you don't know what you're talking about. Torrance residents are the craziest bunch of hep-cats you've ever seen. They're nervous! They're gone, real gone—the most!

Response to a dance ad in the Torrance Press classified section placed by Instructor John Hudson of 2006 Arlington ave., indicated as much.

Hudson's ad read as follows:

ANNOUNCING BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES at the Torrance Woman's Club 1422 Engracia Adults Starting Jan. 5 Teens Afternoon of Jan. 5 Fox Trot—Rhumba—Swing Waltz—Tango—Jambbo John Hudson, Instructor CALL FA. 8-4888

He was swamped with calls and his classes were filled up overnight with no more room at present.

So, if you want results, wait right over to the phone and call FA. 8-2345. We'll help you word your inexpensive ad just right.

Youth Expert To Hold One-Day Institute Sat.

It is a fallacy to believe that because a man is an All-American athlete in any sport he is sufficiently qualified to be a leader of youth. So states Ben Solomon, editor of "Youth Leaders Digest," who will direct a one-day two-session institute to be given at the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Saturday, January 22 at 9 a.m.

These qualifications and much else about the philosophy, principles, and techniques of working with youth, will be analyzed in detail during this course.

"Again," says Solomon, "it is another fallacy to believe that a person who is professionally trained is qualified to lead boys and girls. Training alone is not enough, as here again," he points out, "the wrong type of person trained is still the wrong type of person to lead youth."

Character Important Altogether too often the activity itself is over-emphasized and character values, ethical (Continued on Page 8)

The local chairman said that he and his aids "will get to work immediately" on organizing a full team and formulating a sound, effective program in (Continued on Page 8)

1955 REAL ESTATE OFFICERS



BY POPULAR DEMAND... Perry L. Connett was installed Friday to serve another term as president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. Handing him the gavel is Nevill Redmon, installing officer and director of the California Real Estate association. Flanking the two are (l) Jim Decker, the new vice-president; and (r) W. E. Bowen, secretary-treasurer.



TAKING COMMAND... Capt. Douglas J. Horlander has been appointed commanding officer of the Torrance unit of the National Guard. The local Bridge company is making its temporary headquarters at the Civil Defense building, 1754 Torrance blvd. The new local armory will be finished around June.

Horlander To Command National Guard Unit

Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, general manager of Paramount Center, Torrance, has been assigned as commanding officer of Torrance's Bridge company of the 132nd Armored Engineer battalion. It was announced this week.

Until the new Torrance armory is completed sometime in June, the company headquarters will be in the old Civil Defense building at the corner of Western ave. and Torrance blvd.

Bridge company is composed of National Guardsmen from the Beach area, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Lomita, and Torrance areas.

Capt. Horlander is a graduate of the Engineer school, Ft. Belvoir, Va., Class of '43. During World War II he saw service with the famed 361st Engineer S. S. regiment in eleven countries, both in the European and Pacific theatres of war.

Specialist Capt. Horlander's last command was as commanding officer of the 309th Engineer Technical Intelligence team. While serving in this country before going overseas, Capt. Horlander qualified as a specialist in many subjects dealing with army engineering.

His civilian experience took him through all phases of both light and heavy construction. He held positions ranging from apprentice carpenter to job superintendent in parts of the (Continued on Page 8)

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campaign within a few weeks.

The new general chairman, according to Sowle, has had a personal interest in the YMCA program, having been a Y-Indian Guide Chief and an active participant in the YMCA work in his high school days.

The Torrance YMCA Support Campaign is slated to start January 25 with a kick-off dinner. Details of this will be announced at a later date, Staxrud said.

DUMPER NABBED

The Police Department's perpetual war on illegal dumping netted one suspect this week who dumped his trash at Maple and Sepulveda for the second time, instead of taking the trash to the city dump.

The suspect, Paul Perkey, was tracked down by police from evidence found in the (Continued on Page 8)

COUNCIL BRIEFS

SCHOOL TRAFFIC SIGNAL A traffic signal will be installed at 187th and Crenshaw for the safety of children attending Crenshaw elementary school.

TREES TO GO: Council agreed to remove pepper trees on Andree avenue upon request of 26 home owners. New trees will be planted at cost of \$3 per home owner.

FIELD SURVEY: City Manager George Stevens will report back to the Council regarding a request by the Corps of Engineers to make a field survey and soil investigation on the easterly portion of Torrance Municipal Airport.

KEEP BARRICADES: Hollywood-Riviera Homeowners' association informed the Council that the majority of the residents of HR want to keep the (Continued on Page 8)

Bowling Palace Largest In Southern California

A 54-lane bowling alley, the largest ever built in Southern California will be constructed in Torrance and will be ready to open late September. The new plant, featuring the largest display of automatic pinspotters at any one site in the nation, reportedly costs \$1,500,000, it was learned.

Actual site of the proposed new Torrance bowling alley has not been disclosed as yet.

Builder The pin palace will be constructed by Anton (Tony) Vogel, president of the corporation which owns the 50-lane Bowlero which was opened last October in Clifton, N. J.

The Torrance bowling alley will apparently be part of a nation-wide chain. Until now, the 52-lane dining room, several snack bars, and offices, it was learned. Ample parking area will also be provided. The lanes will use Sjosstrom Jubilee 300 equipment and AMF automatic pinspotters. The new plant will bring to 314 the number of AMF machines operating in Southern California.

54-LANE BOWLING ALLEY SLATED HERE