

# R. H. ANNEXATION CALLED OFF

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The on-again-off-again annexation to Torrance of 6500 acres of land in the Rolling Hills area which lately appeared like a certainty fell through for good this week.

Torrance officials were noticeably shocked at this unexpected turn of events, inasmuch as it seemed only a matter of time now until annexation became a reality after the city of Palos Verdes cleared the way for it recently.

The annexation plan was dropped for two reasons:

1. Rolling Hills' residents planned to incorporate and include part of Great Lakes property within the boundaries. Apparently Great Lakes would have been powerless to oppose such a move since Rolling Hills voters would have decided the issue. Rolling Hills agreed to drop this incorporation plan if the annexation were dropped.
2. Rolling Hill residents agreed to a master plan for developing the 6500 acres as proposed by Great Lakes and its affiliates.

Official announcement that the annexation was off came Tuesday night at a pre-agenda meeting of the Torrance City Council.

"Threat of litigation by our opponents was approaching a disastrous situation," Ivar O. Hanson, spokesman for the developers explained.

### Annexation Off

"If you don't want this marriage, I don't want to force it," Mayor Albert Isen stated by way of releasing Great Lakes of its commitments to Torrance. Hanson stated that his principals would reimburse the city of Torrance for all its expenditures involved during these proceedings.

In view of this compromise, it seems likely that the county will approve the Great Lakes plan.

Agreement between representatives of the major land-owning groups of Palos Verdes and local citizens as to the peninsula's future land-use and political affiliation was reached at a meeting Sunday. The agreement calls for the representatives of several peninsula organizations to withdraw plans for in-

corporation, and for Palos Verdes Properties officials to withdraw Torrance annexation proceedings.

The community representatives endorsed the preliminary draft of the new master zoning plan for the peninsula that has been prepared by Victor Gruen & Associates, which will be presented to the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission on June 24.

### Agreement Reached

These far-reaching conclusions were decided between officials of Palos Verdes Properties, owners of more than 6000 acres of property, and representatives of Rancho Palos Verdes Protective association, Portuguese Bend Property Owners' association, West Portuguese Bend Community association, Berry Hills Property Owners' association, Palos Verdes Protective association, Rolling Hills Community association, and representatives of the various communities on the peninsula. The meeting was held in the offices of Palos Verdes Prop-

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# Police on Look-Out for 'Repeat-Performance' Bandit

## VICTIMS IDENTIFY SUSPECT

A bandit who held up a Lomita service station twice in a row and who was nearly nabbed by Torrance police when he held up a Torrance service station early Tuesday morning has been positively identified by his victims, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett, investigating officer.

A warrant is out for the arrest of Robert Stanley Corder, 28, who has been living in the Torrance area, his last residence being at a hotel on 1305 Post.

Corder is also wanted by Long Beach and Lennox police. He was on probation after serving time for burglary and forgery.

The suspect held up the Walco Self-Service station, corner Carson and Western, around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, making off with \$83.

A burglar alarm tipped off Torrance police, who put the bandit to flight. The thief, unable to get to his car, fled.

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## PHONE CO. BUILDING DENIED

Request by the General Telephone company for permission to add on to their present automatic switching and service center at 616 Puerta del Norte, on the Torrance and Palos Verdes boundary line, was denied by a 3-2 vote of the City Council.

Casting the decisive vote was Mayor Albert Isen after Councilmen Victor Benstead and Nick Draie voted against the phone company's request and Councilmen Willys Blount and Mervin Schwab voted in favor of it.

In presenting the company's case, Marshall K. Taylor, secretary of the firm, indicated that moving the operation to another site would be prohibitive, costing over one million dollars.

Harold Thomasian, attorney for residents protesting the

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## It's A Dead Ringer For Results...

Mrs. Fred Stassen of 1029 Cravens didn't wring her hands long over her wringer-type washing machine which she wanted to sell.

She did the best thing anyone could possibly think of under the circumstances — she placed the following inexpensive ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR SALE: Maytag, wringer type washing machine, 11 months old. Excellent condition. Must sell. FA. 8-4821.

"It was very pleased — had awfully good results," Mrs. Stassen exclaimed.

Whether you wish to buy, sell, or trade, call FA. 8-2345 and place an ad. You'll be surprised and pleased at the sure, instant results.



## First Week's Finalist In Press Photo Contest Named

Many good photographs, a number of them being particularly outstanding, were submitted the first week of the Torrance Press annual amateur photo contest.

Edging out the best of them, however, was a photo by A. R. Stratton of 3326 Dalemead St., Torrance. The picture, entitled "Judy," is technically excellent and conveys a great deal of feeling.

Stratton shows a little girl musing over her lollipop. Stratton, who works for the Torrance Fire Department, used a Rolliflex camera for the shot.

### 5 More Weeks

Five more weeks remain in the photo contest, with a finalist to be chosen every week. Judging for next week's finalists will be held this coming Monday, June 20. Pictures must be in the Torrance Press office no later than 4:30 p.m. of that day to be eligible this coming week.

The Torrance Press is located at 1406 Cravens avenue. Photos may be mailed or brought in.

### Prizes

At the end of the contest, the following six prizes will be given away:

First place, \$50 cash awarded by the Torrance Press.

Second place, A Kodak Deluxe Dual-Flex Camera kit worth \$31.95, awarded by A-1 Photo Service, 1318 Sartori.

Third place, \$15 in photographic supplies given by Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post avenue.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth place, a \$5 cash prize each, donated by Photo Arts, A-1 Photo Service, and the Torrance Press.

### Requirements

The following information should be submitted with the picture: Name, age, address, and telephone number of the individual taking the picture; identification of the scene or individuals in the picture; type

## THS Holds Graduation Tonight

Marching to the strains of the traditional "Pomp and Circumstances" by Sir Howard Elgar, 2856 graduating seniors will participate in commencement exercises to-night which will be held in the Torrance high school football stadium starting at 8:15 p.m.

Student commencement speakers will be Joe Fazio, Doris Popovich, and Neil Mahon, who will speak on the Age of Challenge, past, present and future. A summary will be given by Jim Donette.

Principal Bruce Wagner Jr. will present the class to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of school. Diplomas will be awarded by Mrs. Grace Wright, president of the Torrance Board of Education.

Evening school diplomas will

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## Teacher Caravan To Leave

The annual teacher caravan headed by Ross Sciarrotta, Sr., of Torrance will make its cross-country trek to Washington, D. C., and the east coast starting Sunday.

Purpose of this trip is to study government in action and to gain first-hand knowledge of American historical landmarks.

The trip is actually part of the summer program at Long Beach State college and teachers will receive class credits for going.

Sciarrotta, who lives at 21017 Madrona teaches at the college during the summer and has organized and guided these tours for several years now.

The group will be gone six weeks. Members will go in four cars.

The itinerary calls for a ses-

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"JUDY" by

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## J. Crockett To Assume School Post

James E. Crockett will assume the post of assistant superintendent in charge of business for the Torrance Unified School District, effective June 20, according to action taken last week by the Torrance Board of Education.

Crockett, who will come here from Mesa, Arizona, has had a

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LATEST ADDITION: Indicative of the tremendous business and residential development of the area is the new, ultra-modern Foods Co. market, 174th street and Crenshaw boulevard,

North Torrance, which today begins its grand opening celebration. The 30,000-square-foot store opens its doors at 8 a.m. today. Story on Page 15.



A FINE WAY TO SPEND A MORNING...

Sampling a free lunch which they helped serve to several thousand customers at a local market last Saturday, were five candidates for Queen of the Jaycee-sponsored Community Fair and Rodeo. With Shorty Modeland (left),

store manager, and Bob Porfer (right), representative of Pacific Cracker co., which provided the food, are Mitzi Trimiew, Carolyn Duncan, Janeen Colombo, Virginia Gotts, and Darlene Forrer.

## Physicians, Civic Group Endorse Rabies Law

Unanimous endorsement of a compulsory rabies vaccination law for dogs was voted by two Torrance groups this week.

Going on record favoring such a law were the medical staff of the Torrance Memorial hospital, composed of 72 physicians from Torrance and the South Bay area and the Torrance Coordinating Council, a civic group.

## HOMEOWNERS WIN SAND-GRAVEL FIGHT

The Sand and Gravel co. will have to move its hopper to a site to be determined by the city if the firm wishes to get permission to operate its cement-mixing unit, the Torrance City Council determined Tuesday night.

This decision was met by overwhelming applause from a vast audience of interested homeowners who filled the Council Chamber, to capacity, with the overflow spilling out into the hall.

### Either, Or

If the firm will not move the hopper to where the city decides, the variance to operate the cement-mixing unit will not be granted, the Council voted.

### Distance

Walter Anderson, attorney for the protesting homeowners, requested that the present hopper be placed back at least 500 feet.

When informed later by a Sand and Gravel official that this would be impractical and that the hopper would have to be moved back at least 1000 feet together with other units to make operations possible, Anderson seized upon this statement and amended his figure to 1000 feet.

Sand and Gravel, at the time of the discussion, did not wel-

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## 231 SEND RABIES COUPONS

Torrance Press readers responded in impressive numbers when asked their opinion regarding a compulsory rabies vaccination law for dogs.

Since last week, 117 more individuals signed a coupon published by the Torrance Press favoring such a law. These coupons will be forwarded to the Torrance City Council.

Only one letter was received in opposition to this measure. As a result of the two times that the coupon ran, there were 231 individuals altogether who endorsed the rabies measure. Only two letters were received in opposition.

Other letters and petitions bearing numerous signatures were sent directly to the City Council.

Individuals may continue to write to the Torrance Press regarding this matter. The letters will be forwarded to the City Council.

Or else letters may be written directly to the City Council, City Hall, Torrance.

The council will discuss the proposed rabies ordinance at a pre-agenda meeting Tuesday, June 21, probably around 5 p.m.

It is anticipated that a public hearing date will be set at that time.

## Recreation Schedule Announced

A Joint Summer Recreation program sponsored by the City of Torrance and the Torrance Unified School District was outlined this week in a booklet published by the Torrance Recreation Department and given out to over 4000 school children.

One change from the printed program was noted by Harry B. Van Belleh, director. All playgrounds open at 9 a.m. rather than 10 a.m. He also called attention to the fact that the program on the school playgrounds will not begin until June 27. Parks will open June 20.

### Park Schedule

Following is the schedule for each park beginning June 20: El Retiro park, 126 Vista del Parque, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; McMaster park, 3624 W. 174th St., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.

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## Torrance American Legion Installation Set Tuesday

The installation of elected and appointed officers of the Torrance American Legion Post 170 will be held next Tuesday, June 21, at 8 p.m. The installation will be conducted by the Maywood Legion Post drill team, and is open to the public.

### Invitations Extended

Invitations have been extended to officers of the 19th district of the Legion, as well as civic groups of Torrance, the Gold Star Mothers, as well as fathers of those veterans who gave their lives in defense of the country. Also invited is the newly-formed Torrance Legion Post baseball team of 16 members of high school age.

Incoming Commander W. E. (Bill) Kalbfleisch requests the attendance of all Legion members and their wives, in addition to all members of the Legion Auxiliary.

### Officers Named

In addition to Commander Kalbfleisch, those installed will be R. (Bob) Methot, first vice-commander; J. (John) Bennett, second vice-commander; C. J. (Paddy) Ryan, chaplain; Blaine Staker, historian; George Han-

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W. E. KALBFLEISCH... commander