

COUNCIL MOVES TO FORCE ROLLING HILLS ANNEXATION

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Jilted City Acts Fast

The on-again off-again romance between the City of Torrance and some 6513 acres of property in Rolling Hills appeared to be on again when Torrance's city fathers Tuesday night voted to investigate the possibility of a shot gun wedding.

Romance Ends
The courtship started back in November, 1954, when officials of the Palos Verdes Properties Corp. owners of most of the Rolling Hills property, petitioned the City of Torrance for annexation. Blighted from the start by opposition from the City of Palos Verdes and the unincorporated community of Rolling Hills, the stormy romance ended abruptly early this month with the announcement by Ivar Hanson, general manager of the Palos Verdes Properties Corp., that the firm, as principal owners of the land in question, no longer wished to be associated with the City of Torrance.

Tuesday night, Councilman Nick Drake moved to avenge Torrance's injured honor. His suggestion that "we force the reluctant bridegroom into marriage" met with council approval. The issue was referred to the city's legal department for an opinion as to steps necessary to consummate the union. When originally seeking annexation, the development firm announced plans to develop the area into a tract of "junior executive" type homes. The petition declared that each lot would have a minimum of 7000 square feet and that building restrictions would control the character of the tract, keeping all construction, residential and commercial, at a high level.

The firm further stated that two ten acre school sites would be donated to the Unified School District. An elaborate business center was also planned.

Guard Chief Accepts Key For Armory

Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commanding officer of Torrance's National Guard unit, yesterday accepted the keys to the new Guard headquarters in ceremonies staged at the armory. Presenting the keys for the California National Guard was Lt. Col. Harvey Miller, property and operations officer for the CNG for Southern California.

The armory, located on Cabrillo ave., near Santa Fe, now becomes the center of training for the Torrance Guard unit, Co. E. (Bridge) of the 132nd Armoured Engineers Battalion, Capt. Horlander announced. The unit has been drilling at the Red Cross building on Torrance blvd.

The Captain stated that the unit is now authorized to draw a fully supply of arms, ammunition and equipment for its training program. Guard meetings are held very Tuesday evening.

Also present at the ceremony was Major Buhl Arbogast, regular Army liaison officer, who is advisor to local Guard units.

Capt. Horlander disclosed that formal presentation of the new armory will be stated in September with a number of Torrance officials present to accept the building for the city.



MISS SPIRIT OF '76 . . . Fireworks, picnic and political orators are all Fourth of July traditions of long standing. More recent, but just as traditional, is the American bathing beauty, and the Fourth wouldn't be complete without one. Ours, equipped with giant firecracker, is Darlene Farrara, entrant in the Community Fair Queen contest.

Publishers Expand Newspaper Chain

The Southland Publishing Co., Inc., publishers of the Torrance Press, this week announced the acquisition of a group of four community weeklies in the El Cajon Valley area of San Diego. The purchase includes a main office and printing plant at El Cajon and branch offices at Lakeside and La Mesa.

Largest Circulation

Southland Publishing Co., Inc., currently publishes the Linda Vista Press and the Claremont Press in San Diego. The new group will include six weekly newspapers serving nine San Diego communities, and will have the largest community circulation in the entire Valley.

In addition to publishing, printing and distributing the six newspapers, the El Cajon plant will offer complete job print service to the area, officials of the firm disclosed.

Assumes Duties

Don C. Moyer, formerly of Torrance, and currently acting publisher of the Linda Vista Press and the Claremont Press, will assume all managerial duties of the new chain, which includes, in addition to the Linda Vista and Claremont publications, the Foothills Pictorial, the Lakeside Star, the El Cajon Record and the Greater La Mesa News.

Commission Approves Proposed Airport Hospital

The 49-bed community hospital proposed for the Torrance Airport site was this week approved by the Torrance Airport Commission and sent on for approval by the City Council.

The commission's motion for approval of the \$507,000 hospital contained the stipulation that the hospital must be staffed on a 24-hour basis with a licensed physician on duty at all times. It was further required that adequate off-street parking be provided.

50-Year Lease

The motion recommended a 50-year lease and set a three-step rental schedule, based on front footage on Pacific Coast Hwy. Rental for the first five years will be \$1 per front foot, or \$350 per month. Rental to advance to \$1.50 per front foot for the next ten years, and \$2 for the remaining 25 years, the commissioners decided.

Plans call for a site 300 feet deep and a building of Type 3 construction, sprinklered and airconditioned throughout. There will be surgical and food preparation facilities in the original building, and provisions have been made for the addition of 49 more beds at a later date, according to the commission report.

Submits Proposal

The Howard S. Miller Co. of Los Angeles, building contractor, submitted the proposal. Herman Light, AIA architect

for a number of modern hospitals, has been named designer. Walter Metzger, administrator of Mt. Sinai hospital, will be consultant for the new hospital, the Miller petition stated.

Where Has My Little Dog Gone?

Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone?

Mrs. Irene Bourne didn't know where her little dog had gone on Tuesday when it disappeared. But she knew by ten o'clock Thursday morning after the Torrance Press was distributed.

Thanks to a Press classified ad, "Stubby" is home again at 164 W. 220th st. The errant pup was found by a Torrance resident, who in turn gave it to a friend in Gardena. The original finder saw Mrs. Bourne's lost and found ad in the Press and called in the good news. Mistress and pet have been reunited as a result of this ad.

LOST—A little black terrier, 6 mo. old, named Stubby. Reward. Lost around 220th & Western. FA. 8-1428 or FA. 8-5050

If you've lost your pet, your child or your job, Torrance Press classified ads are your best place to look. Press classifieds are effective and inexpensive. Just call FA. 8-2345 and a friendly classified salesgirl will help you word your ad just right.

PRESS HOLIDAY DEADLINE

The Torrance Press will be closed Monday, July 4.

Advertisers and publicity chairmen are asked to keep the following deadlines in mind for the July 7 edition:

All publicity releases, display and classified advertising should be submitted to the Torrance Press as early as possible.

All banks and retail stores will be closed in observance of the National Holiday.



CHANGE OF COMMAND . . . Robert Ernst, outgoing Commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, turns over gavel of office to new Commander, W. E. "Bill" Kalbfleisch, in ceremonies held last Tuesday at the Legion hall. Legionnaires from Maywood acted as the installing team. Commander Kalbfleisch is a Torrance attorney.

BENNETT NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF

Sergeant Percy G. Bennett, 53-year-old veteran of 21 years with the Torrance Police Dept., was named assistant chief of police by action of the city council Tuesday night.

The post of assistant chief was vacated when former Chief John C. Stroh, retired, and W. H. Haslam stepped up to take his place in February, 1953.

Bennett was made sergeant in 1940. He later joined the detective staff, and has been in charge of bad check investigations!

Son On Force

Melvin Bennett, 26-year-old son of the new assistant chief, is a patrolman on the Torrance force. He has another son, Warren, 21.

In other action Tuesday, the Council confirmed the promotion of Officer Joe B. Miles to sergeant. Miles, 33, has been with the force for seven years. He is married and has three

children. He resides at 1415 Amapola.

Civil Service

Both police department promotion were made for current civil service eligibility lists.

Also confirmed Tuesday was the appointment of Officer A. L. Jackson to motor cycle officer. The force now has three cycle officers on the traffic detail.

Three More Weeks For Contest

"Night Lights," an unusual and effective night photograph of a giant petroleum plant by Evelyn M. Richmond, of 17537 Yukon ave., was named third finalist in the third annual Torrance Press Photo Contest.

Using a Brand View 4x5 camera with an Xenar lens, this week's best photographer took a two minute time exposure of the Shell Corporation plant on Figueroa avenue.

Three more finalists remain to be chosen in the photo contest. Entries for next week's judging must be in the Torrance Press office, 1406 Cravens avenue, by noon, Saturday, July 2.

Prizes

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

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

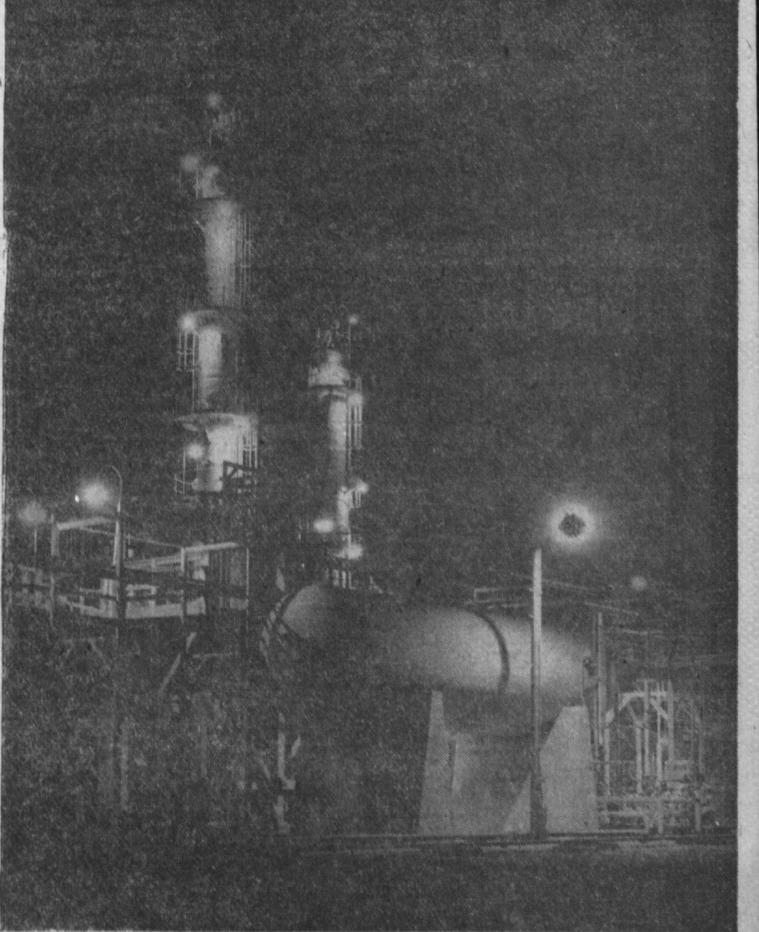
Second place, A Kodak DeLuxe Dual-Flex Camera kit worth \$31.95, awarded by A-1 Photo Service, 1318 Sartori.

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; (Turn to Page 3)



THIRD FINALIST . . . "Night Lights," unusual night photograph by Evelyn M. Richmond, 17537 Yukon ave., is the third finalist in the annual Torrance Press Photo Contest. Shot shows Shell Chemical plant on Figueroa ave.

Vaccination Law Support Growing

Support continues to grow this week for the proposed compulsory anti-rabies vaccination law being considered by the City Council.

Coupons bearing individual endorsement of the law have continued to pour into the Torrance Press office and into city hall. Over 500 vitally interested citizens have lent their names to the cause.

Physicians Support

In addition, outstanding citizens' groups, including 72 physicians from Torrance and the South Bay area and the Torrance Co-ordinating Council, have voiced their unqualified support of anti-rabies vaccinations.

A public hearing on the ordinance has been set by the City Council for July 12. A large crowd is expected to attend the meeting, where all the pros and cons will be aired. A final meeting on the subject will be held July 26, at which time the council will vote on the issue.

Five Died

Latest figures on the rabies plague raging in this area disclose that six dogs have died of rabies. There is no way of knowing how many dogs are still at large carrying rabies, but statistics indicate that the number is quite large.

In addition 17 persons in

No Hike in School Tax Despite Budget Jump

The tax picture, generally dismal, was brightened this week when Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, stated that there is every indication that there will be no rise in school taxes this year, despite a 28.4 per cent hike in the preliminary budget figures over last year.

Basing his opinion on an estimated jump in assessed valuation for the city from \$83 million to \$103 million, Dr. Hull believes that the tax line can be held under \$3 per hundred dollars assessed valuation. The current rate is \$2.9920.

Federal Aid

The increased revenue from the larger tax base, plus anticipated increases in state and federal aid to the schools, will make it possible for the schools to operate at the current tax rate, he said.

The preliminary budget, now under study, calls for an increase next year from the current \$3,405,435 to an all-time high of \$4,753,943, the superintendent said.

Low Cost

In a report submitted to the Board of Education at its last meeting, Dr. Hull pointed out that Torrance has continued to keep the cost per pupil down among the lowest in Los Angeles county, while still maintaining a level of education that compares favorably with the highest in the state.

The Board was told that there is a 33 per cent increase in enrollment anticipated by the end of the coming year. To accommodate this huge increase, the school system will hire approximately 70 new teachers during the year.

Pay Hike

Included in the preliminary budget are a series of adjustments in the salary scales for teachers. Beginning salary for certificated personnel will be hiked from \$3950 to \$4050 per year, bringing it more into line with other local school districts.

In addition, the pay differential between steps in the 14-step salary schedule was increased from \$154 to \$160. Teachers advance through the

scale as they complete additional post graduate studies. The adjusted salaries of all Torrance teachers will cost the school district between \$25,000 and \$30,000 this year.

School taxes assessed in Torrance include currently \$55 for the El Camino Junior College district.

Civitan Readies For Installation

Frank S. Selover will be installed tonight as president of the Civitan Club of Torrance in ceremonies set for 7 p.m. at the Valdez Tropical Inn in Redondo Beach.

La-Gov. Don C. Smith will install President-elect Selover and eight other officers-elect. They are:

Tom Ward, first vice-president; Dr. A. L. Kline, second vice-president; Julius Artinoff, secretary; William Van de Wetering, treasurer; Capt. Ernie Ashton, sergeant-at-arms; and Floyd Devore, John Judson and Francis Sandie, directors.

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