

'LEAVE TOWN OR ELSE...'



SUGGESTION PAID OFF
Forest Wilson, stillman at General Petroleum corporation's Torrance refinery, is shown with a portion of a hydraulic coke-cutting tool which he designed. Wilson was awarded \$1500 by General Petroleum for a suggestion he made which will result in substantial savings to the company.

97 Physicians Contribute \$150,000 To Hospital Drive

Ninety-seven leading doctors of the South Bay area who are potential members of the medical staff of the tax-free Little Company of Mary hospital, have agreed to give a minimum of \$150,000 toward the \$766,000 fund campaign for the new Catholic institution.

The doctors, all MD's, voted to make their gift on a basis of bed-use in the new hospital, so their giving will be in direct accord with their use of the hospital for their patients.

The original 97 signers of the \$150,000 agreement are the fore-runners of what may be a total of 150 or more doctors which will give the Sisters hospital one of the finest medical staffs in California.

Participants in the gift include general practitioners and all types of specialists with offices in Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes, San Pedro and Gardena.

Their qualifications will be reviewed by a Medical Credentials Committee and Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, and only qualified men will be admitted to staff membership, assuring that the best-qualified doctors will use the hospital for patient-care and that medical standards in the new institution will be maintained at the highest level.

Doctors participating include: John W. Beeman, William C. Casey, Eugene L. Cook, H. C. Dorin, Gerald Eastham, Matthew J. Ellenhorn, Jack A. Fisher, Paul J. Gethner, William E. Grubbs, Philip M. Halloran, William M. Johnson, Ed. (Turn to Page 14)

The Mental Health Clinic—A Matter Of Life Or Death

The last in a series of articles on Mental Health appears this week on page 15. It describes a unique

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experiment in mental health and discusses a problem involving the life or death of the clinic and future clinics.

Classes Start Today

ENROLLMENT HITS ALL-TIME HIGH HERE

Torrance school officials are expecting a record high enrollment of 18,775 with the opening of school today. This represents a 25 per cent increase over last year, according to school officials.

A total of 15,558 elementary pupils and 3197 high school pupils are expected.

High school students will return to school at 7:45 a.m. while elementary students will return at 8 a.m. (if on double session) and 9 a.m. (regular session).

Schools in the Los Angeles school district will open Monday, September 17.

Narbonne high school, with an anticipated enrollment of 2800, will open at 7:30 a.m. for the morning session and 11:50

for the afternoon session (classes to start at 12:20).

Lomita and Harbor City's four elementary schools will open at 8 a.m., with grades one through three going until 11:40 a.m. and the other grades going until 12:20.

The Torrance school district will have a number of new schools to take care of the increase.

Two new elementary schools, the Arlington School in North Torrance and the Sepulveda

School in the west area, will help take care of the increase, as will classroom additions at several other schools. Even so, double sessions will be necessary in some elementary grades at many schools.

Kindergarten registration is expected to jump from 1800 last year to about 2300.

Five elementary schools now under construction or nearing final planning are due for completion late this year and during the early months of 1957.



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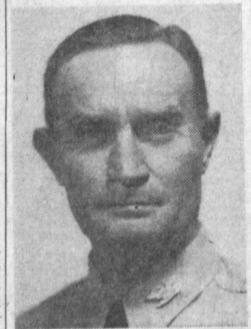
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May Company Breaks Ground At New Local Shopping Center

\$15,000,000 CENTER ON 50-ACRE SITE

Actual final phase construction of the huge new \$15,000,000 South Bay Shopping Center, located at 174th street and Hawthorne boulevard, was officially begun this week when ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the site.



CAPT. JOHN D. ALVIS
... dies suddenly

Capt. Alvis Dies During Paris Stay

Captain John D. Alvis, 66, USN, Ret., who was instrumental in the establishment of the Torrance Press in 1949, died suddenly in Paris September 7 while on a nine-month European tour, visiting friends and relatives with his wife, Jeanne.

News of his fatal heart attack came as a shock to his many friends.

In addition to his wife, Jeanne, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert A. (Marie-Louise) Owens of 24237 Ocean ave., Torrance; a son, Lt. J. G. John Alvis, USN, attached to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis; and a brother, Gordon Alvis of Seneca, Kansas.

Captain Alvis retired from the Navy in 1946 making his residence in Palos Verdes. He lived at 2509 Via Ramon.

The captain was born in Wynnboro, Texas. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1917.

He was among the pioneer naval aviators and also served in World-War I and World War II.

During the second World War, Captain Alvis was in command of the naval airfields in the Solomon Islands.

Following his retirement he held the office of city clerk and councilman in Palos Verdes.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Attending were Morton J. May, chairman of the board, May department stores, here from St. Louis, Mo., and other top officials of the May co., whose seventh Southern California store will be the nucleus of the new center.

Luncheon celebrating the event was held after the ceremonies at the Steak Knife Restaurant which is in the South Bay Bowling Center building. This building, which is a part of the new shopping center, is almost completed and will be opened to the public in a few weeks.

Tom May, executive vice-president of the May Department Stores company stated that he is looking forward with great anticipation to the completion of the huge 50-acre center. He is convinced that it "is destined to be the hub of retail activity in the entire South Bay shopping area, serving over 600,000 people."

The 340,000 square foot May co. department store is being designed by Albert C. Martin and Associates, architects and engineers of Los Angeles, according to Walter J. Brunmark, vice-president and general manager of the May co., Los Angeles. It will incorporate all the (Turn to Page 14)

Ultra-Modern Bowling Alley Opens Here

"A new concept in family sports entertainment."

That's the long-awaited pledge which became reality tonight with the opening of the South Bay Bowling Center, the nation's newest and most modern establishment dedicated to the world's largest participant sport.

A \$2,000,000 structure, the first completed unit in a lavish 50-acre shopping center at 174th street and Hawthorne boulevard, the South Bay Center represents the first Pacific Coast display of the full-automatic, mechanical Brunswick-Balke-Collender company pin setting machines.

This, too, is the largest single-expansion bowling establishment — 54 lanes-in-a-row, ever designed. (Turn to Page 14)

APPOINTMENT

William Sells was elected secretary of the Long Beach chapter, National Association of Cost Accountants.

Bill Sells is employed as division accountant at the National Supply company in Torrance.

... If You Haven't Registered, Hurry!

Today's the last day to register if you haven't already in order to vote in the November presidential election.

There are six classes of persons who should register or reregister for the election:

1. Those who have changed their addresses since they last registered.
2. Those who have changed their names since they last registered.
3. Those who desire to change their political affiliation (won't affect November election but will affect future primary elections).
4. Those whose registration



IT'S FOR REAL

Ground was broken yesterday for the new May company department store and other units of the \$15 million dollar South Bay Shopping Center at 174th street and Hawthorne avenue, Redondo Beach. Left to right are Morton May; Mayor J. Russell Shea, Redondo Beach; Sidney F. Brody, Brody Investment company, developer; Albert Ralphs, Ralphs grocery; Leonard Strauss, Thrifty Drug; Walter Ralphs Jr., Ralphs grocery; and Mayor Albert Isen, Torrance.

Douglas Peacetime Payroll Hits \$8,000,000 Record

Employment at the Douglas Aircraft company has topped 80,000, a new peacetime high, according to an announcement by company officials. Of this total, 23,840 persons are working at the El Segundo Division of Douglas which includes plants at El Segundo and Torrance.

The current payroll of the five Douglas divisions amounts to more than \$8,000,000 a week, or a rate corresponding to \$400,000,000 a year, the announcement said.

The company's payroll in southern California alone is about \$7,000,000 a week of which \$2,421,682 are taken home by El Segundo and Torrance employees.

Missile and aircraft contracts with the Army, Navy, and Air Force and a record volume of commercial business, including orders for the DC-8 jet transport, account for the high employment figures, officials said.

The El Segundo Division currently is producing four jets and one propeller driven airplane for the Navy. Included are the twin jets A3D Skywarrior long-range H-bomber, midjet A4D Skyhawk atom bomber, F4D Skyray fighter-interceptor, supersonic F5D Skylancer all-weather fighter, and the versatile piston engine AD-6 and AD-7 Skyraiders.

NEWS BRIEFS

BREAKFAST: Speaker at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast this coming Tuesday will be Col. Emmett A. Pink of the 40th Division of the California National Guard. Maj. General Homer O. Eaton, jr., who was scheduled to appear previously, will be unable to attend.

STREET LIGHTS: The council voted 4-1 approving the establishment of the Ellinwood improvement district for street lighting. According to the city's findings, there was only a 40 per cent protest in the area. Councilman Nick Draie cast the negative vote on technical grounds.

STOLEN BIKES: Chief of Police Willard Haslam asked that residents report stolen bikes and check periodically with the police to see if bikes have been recovered. He has 30 bikes now which have not been claimed.

US FLAG: Mayor Isen asked that the flag be flown daily in the triangular park at Sartori and Marcelina. There's a (Turn to Page 19)

Hogs Must Go, Given Six Months

Anyway you want to look at it, the days of Torrance's hogs are numbered.

While the council couched this idea in such honey-toned phrases as "bonds," "consent judgment," "reasonable diligence," and "reasonable means"—it meant only one thing, namely, that the hog ranches must go at the end of six months.

Of Torrance's estimated \$2,000 residents, few are probably aware of the fact that there are a couple of hog ranches smack in the middle of town.

Not only are there hundreds of porkers making their residence locally, but they are oinking around languidly right in back of the new civic center on Torrance blvd. and Madrona.

Of course the hogs were there first—long before the council or the residents moved in. And of course thereby hangs the tale.

About two years ago the council gave the hog ranchers an ultimatum—the hogs must go by October 1, 1956. That's what the ordinance said.

Recognizing the handwriting on the hog pens, the ranchers started looking around for wider and more open spaces.

Attorneys for both Francis D. Foley and Arthur Kazarian asked this week that the dead- (Turn to Page 19)

Swimming Pool Named For Benstead

All but one councilman decided to honor a fellow councilman Tuesday night by naming Torrance's new swimming pool after him, for his efforts in making the pool a reality.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Nick Draie, the council agreed to name the pool the Victor E. Benstead plunge.

"I don't wish to take any credit away from anybody for the work they did in helping Torrance obtain this pool," Draie declared. "But throughout the nine years I have been on the council and during the time we ran as a team I kept hearing 'We need a swimming pool.' While I was campaigning for the city hall and police station, he was working hard for the (Turn to Page 19)

SO SIMPLE SO FAST, SO GOOD

Pleased. This best sums up the attitude of Torrance Press classified advertisers.

"I'm always real pleased with results from the Torrance Press," Mrs. Harry Cowell of 18815 Cordary ave., stated, for instance.

Mrs. Cowell's ad read as follows:

MOTOROLA—17-in. TV with table, \$35. DA. 4-4778

She had more than 10 calls the first day and sold it right there and then, naturally.

You can't go wrong with an inexpensive classified ad in the Torrance Press. Place one now—call FA 8-2345.

Residents Concerned Over Airport Proposal

NEWS FLASH: Representatives for residents in the Meadow park tract indicated that they were perturbed over reports governing the new master plan for the Torrance airport.

The plan calls for the expansion of the airport and the acquisition of additional property and the residents aren't quite sure if they like this or just exactly how they will be affected.

The council proposed that the Airport Commission be notified and that commissioners will meet with the residents to discuss the master plan.

No immediate action is being contemplated regarding the recommendation, the council assured residents.

Spokesman for the residents was J. B. Mosley of 23846 Ward street.

A master development study for Torrance Municipal Airport

has been completed by an engineering firm and tentatively adopted by the City Council.

The proposal calls for 1) the acquisition of an additional 125 acres of land to the north and west of the present airport property; 2) construction of a new landing strip; 3) extension of the existing strip; 4) a major revamping of the Pacific Coast highway frontage.

The plan was drafted by Quinton Engineers, Ltd. It has been divided into two phases. The first phase proposes the

acquisition of 85 acres on the western limits of the airport to provide a safety zone for future expansion.

The proposed land includes the area east of Hawthorne avenue between 240th street on the south and 235th street on the north, extending as far east as Madison.

Additional land on the west side of Hawthorne avenue totaling 49 acres would complete the safety zone.

Additional 40 acres east of (Turn to Page 19)

This is the Last Day to Register for Voting