

COUNCIL ACTS TO CLEAN UP CIVIC DISGRACE



WELCOME TO TORRANCE?
This is typical of the sight which greets residents and visitors alike upon entering Torrance from the Western ave. approach.—Press Photo.

'Beautify Entrance To City'

It looks like the entrance to the city of Torrance is about to get a long-needed face-lifting.

Mayor Albert Isen, annoyed at the fact that for years now there's been lots of talk but no action regarding the disgraceful appearance of the entrance to Torrance, called upon city officials to clean up the mess once and for all.

He received the wholehearted support of the rest of the council.

Isen had reference to the Western ave. approach to Torrance (Torrance Blvd.).

The area is covered with weeds, rubbish is scattered all about, and sand gives it a desolate, cheerless, and dirty appearance.

"The first thing I brought up like an eager beaver when I became a councilman two years ago," Isen stated, "was cleaning up the approach to the city."

"We keep talking about civic betterment," he continued, "but the entrance to Torrance is a civic disgrace. Now is the time for action."

He referred to the fact that the population is approaching the 90,000 mark and that such (Turn to Page 8)

Watson Quits As Manager Of Chamber

Tom Watson, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has submitted his resignation to the Board of Directors. Watson was called to his family home in Texas last Friday by a family emergency.

He advised the Chamber Tuesday that his continued presence was necessary for an indefinite period of time and that he thought it best to resign from his position as manager of the local Chamber.

Watson had become closely associated with the business life of Torrance during his 18 months tenure with the chamber. He was instrumental in entering new promotional activities for the Retail Merchants Division and cooperated with city officials and other groups in bringing new industrial and commercial enterprises to Torrance.

The officers of the Chamber are considering a number of applications for the position of manager of the Chamber. Announcement will be made regarding the new manager as soon as a decision is made.

Editorial

It's A Real Mess

The council Tuesday night called for prompt action in cleaning up the shoddy-looking entrance to Torrance. It's about time and we're all for it.

We have reference to the Western ave. approach on Torrance Blvd. under the viaduct.

We also think that now's the time for civic organizations, service clubs, and especially the various garden clubs to jump on the bandwagon, come forward with various suggestions and offers of help. Here is a truly worthwhile civic project.

For instance, nothing could be more cheerful and enjoyable than to be greeted by a colorful sea of flowers lining both sides of Torrance Blvd. upon entering the city.

We urge civic-minded individuals and organizations to seriously consider how they can help beautify the entrance to the city.

First impressions do count, and they last!

School Officials Hail 'Era of Good Feeling'

School officials and members of the Torrance Board of Education were just plain happy Tuesday night.

Why? Well, they just had a feeling that they were entering an "era of good feeling" with the city of Torrance.

There's always been somewhat of an uneasy peace between the School Board and the City Council in the past.

Neither has ever felt quite at ease about the other.

But things appeared to be changing.

School officials expressed delight and appreciation at the way the city was helping them with such projects as a swim program for school children; the location of new school sites; and official cooperation in general.

On their part school officials have made doubly sure that the era of sweetness and light continues, by re-emphasizing the importance of cooperating with all branches of government. Peace, aint it won'terful!

NEWS BRIEFS

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: A total of 18,220 students enrolled in Torrance schools. Of those, 1774 are at North high, 1441 at Torrance high. The rest are elementary students. A total of 2765 students enrolled at Narbonne high the first day.

GUENSER PROPERTY: The Torrance City Council agreed to permit the use of the Guenser property in North Torrance for a brick operation after which it will be turned over to the city to be turned into a park eventually.

CIVIL SERVICE: Appointment of J. A. Beasley as a land use investigator is still being disputed. The Civil Service Board thought that the council was cramming something down (Turn to Page 8)



John Kesson Re-elected by Civic Group

John Kesson was re-elected to head the North Torrance Civic Improvement association and together with other officers will be installed at the annual inaugural ball to be held Saturday night, September 22, at the Western ave. Cafe, 15516 S. Western ave.

Other officers who will serve with Kesson are John Crain, vice president; Mrs. Margaret Clark, secretary; Leroy Forsythe, treasurer; and Raymond Dumas, auditor.

Tickets for the buffet dance may be obtained at the door or from members of the association.

Meeting Set On Parks

A meeting to discuss the development of present and proposed community parks has been scheduled for September 26, 8 p.m. in the council chamber of the new city hall, corner Torrance Blvd. and Maple.

The meeting, called by the Recreation Commission, is open to the public. Interested individuals and representatives from the various organizations are invited to attend.

Firm Locates Here

Northrop Aircraft officials revealed this week that the firm will transfer its publications department from Hawthorne to Torrance in the near future.

Company officials said that contracts for two large buildings in the new Dominguez-Arlington industrial tract have been completed.

The two buildings total 72,000 sq. ft.

The move will probably be made within 60 days. Involved will be the publishing of the company's catalogs, technical manuals, handbooks and other printed material.

Employment will ultimately hit 700, it was indicated.

PAYMENT OK'D FOR DUMP SITE

Payment of \$1,122,525 for excavation here that will be used as a regional dump was approved Tuesday by county officials.

Supervisors and officials of the county sanitation districts agreed to pay that amount to the Great Lakes Carbon corp. for 100-foot deep former diatomaceous earth mines located west of Crenshaw Blvd. and north of Palos Verdes Dr. North.

Negotiations for the 150-acre site have been under way for the past year.

Sanitation districts experts believe that the pits will be used for disposal of both combustible and non-combustible rubbish for about 15 or more years before they are filled.

When the excavations are almost level, the rubbish will be covered with earth and the area will be developed into a large park, according to current planning.

Operation of the dump is due to begin in about a year, when a county-wide ban on back-yard trash burning is expected to be effected.

Here's a Tip That's Worth Money

Any way you look at it, it's money in the bank.

Mrs. Shirley Viles of 18532 St. Andrews was swamped with calls last week—and she loved it.

The response to her classified ad in The Torrance Press was so terrific, however, that she had to cancel the ad, which read as follows:

MY HOME—Licensed, fenced. Lunches, naps. DAY OR EVE. St. Andrews Pl. DA. 9-5846

In addition to terrific results, The Torrance Press also offers a special rate if you pay for your classified ad before the date of publication. If we bill you for a minimum ad (15 words, as the above) the cost is \$1.30. If you come in and pay it before the date of publication, it only costs \$1. Come in and place your ad—and save!

2 Special Features In This Issue

Two matters of vital interest which have been in the news lately are the coming school tax election (October 9) and the controversial oil bill (proposition 10, November election).

What do they boil down to in clear and simple terms?

Why is it important that both school tax propositions pass, rather than just one (see page 2)? Is the oil bill a conservation bill or a monopoly control measure (see page 19)?

Knife Victim Critical, Bedside Trial Doubtful



SHE TRIED TO STOP KNIFING
Mrs. Lois Hillman's cheek was slashed through completely when she tried to keep her ex-husband from slashing her present husband.

SUSPECT 'SORRY' BUT...

"I'm sorry for what happened. I certainly hope that Rusty lives. But this is what happens when another man comes between a man and his wife."

So stated Alvin Leo Osborne, 41, who is being held on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and intent to commit murder.

Victim of the stabbing is Russell Hillman, husband of Mrs. Lois Hillman, Osborne's former wife.

The Hillmans live at 18920 Felbar Ave., Torrance.

Stabbed in Stomach
Hillman was stabbed repeatedly in the abdomen with a kitchen knife last Thursday night. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital where he was said to be in very critical condition, showing no improvement.

While a preliminary court hearing has been set for Monday at Hillman's bedside, it appeared "extremely doubtful" whether the hearing could be held, due to the victim's condition, according to Dr. S. A. Hurvitz.

So stated Capt. Ernie Ashton, chief of detectives.

Capt. Ashton indicated that the whole trouble started when Osborne dropped in to pay the Hillmans a friendly visit. Os (Turn to Page 8)

NOTED MUSICIANS TO APPEAR HERE

The names of four famous musical artists and dates of their local appearances have been announced by the Youth Band-Artist Concerts association, a branch of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, sponsors of the annual music series.

This year's artists and the dates of their appearances include Lorenzo Alvary, bass-baritone, November 8, 1956; Jean Casadesu, pianist, January 28, 1957; Adele Gebr, coloratura-soprano, March 9, 1957; and Julian Olevsky, violinist, April 7, 1957. The Youth Band's Eleventh Anniversary concert, also included in the series, will be presented on May 22, 1957.

The four winners of the annual student music competition scholarships will be presented as soloists on the final concert of May 22. Alvary, a member of the Metropolitan Opera since 1942, will give his concert in Torrance following a two week engagement with the San Francisco Opera company at the Shrine auditorium.

Jean Casadesu, one of the greatest names in piano artistry, will make his local debut during a coast to coast tour.

Miss Gebr, young coloratura soprano from Czechoslovakia, has done most of her singing in Europe and South America, and according to music critics has a very "bright" future in America and especially in Hollywood, where she now makes her home with her husband who is a portrait painter.

Julian Olevsky has performed with most of the major symphony orchestras of the United States and according to the New York Herald Tribune is "the most worthwhile of our younger violinists."

This concert series was set up three years ago for the purpose of presenting the Youth Band and internationally famous music personalities in joint concert.

Improvement Slated for El Nido Park

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today that the board of supervisors has approved plans and specifications for a development program at El Nido park designed to increase greatly the value of the park as a recreational center for the use of the people of a large area.

All planning for the park has concentrated on keeping the land west of the new recreation building as a primitive area for camping and similar activities, Supervisor Hahn said.

A new comfort station, located (Turn to Page 8)

Meeting Set On Airport

In order to separate the rumors from the facts regarding the proposed new master plan for the Torrance Airport, a public meeting has been called for Thursday, September 27, at 8 p.m. in the city hall council chamber, Torrance Blvd. and Madonna.

The meeting has been called by the Airport Commission.

'Man of Year' Awards Presented at Longren

Longren Aircraft's annual "Man of the Year" election was won by Gladys Phipps of Harbor City. Mrs. Phipps came to work at Longren in 1943 as a stretch press operator and in 13 years has learned to operate all the machines at Longren.

Cass Russak was chosen "Man of the Year" for the swing shift. A Torrance resident, Russak came to work at Longren in 1951 as a drill press operator in fabrication.

After holding down every job in that department, he now holds the responsible position as lead man.

The winners were presented with a golden horse trophy and a \$50 bond. One bond being donated by the Longren Associates club. Another award given to them by Longren, is to change jobs for a day with the president, Hampden Wentworth, and the director of manufacturing, W. R. Miller.

Mrs. Phipps will act as president and has already decided to hold a staff meeting to check Longren's financial position, (she will find the company has a backlog of approximately six and a half million dollars). Russak plans to conduct a meeting with the superintendent (Turn to Page 8)



MAN (AND WOMAN) OF THE YEAR
Mrs. Gladys Phipps and Cass Russak (l) were chosen tops by fellow Longren employees. Making the "Man of the Year" presentations was President Hampden Wentworth.—Press Photo.



TORRANCE PRESS HONORED

The Torrance Press was one of several firms who received an award from the California National Guard for support given to the local unit. Press Publisher William R. Zappas receives the award from Brig. Gen. Emmett A. Rink, 40th Armored Division.—Press Photo.