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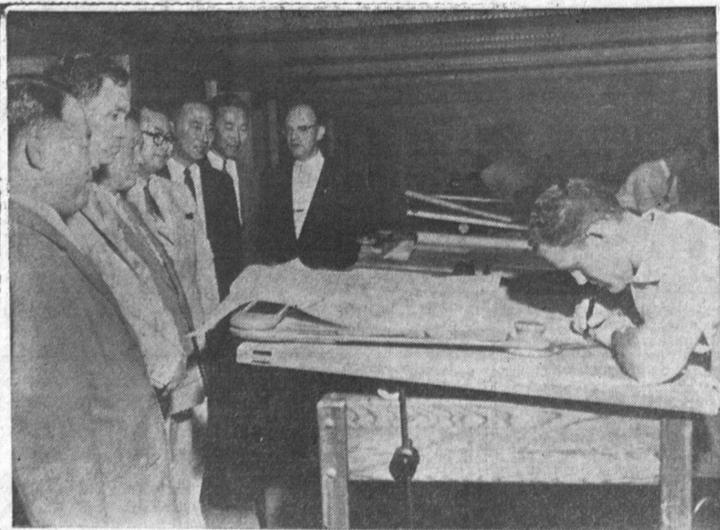
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All America City AWARD WINNER



SOUTH KOREAN VISITORS

Members of the South Korean National Assembly, touring the United States as guests of the State Department, visited General Petroleum's Torrance plant Monday. What impressed them most about America is the "constant striving after improvement." Seen (l-r) are: Hui-suk Han, chairman, Home Affairs committee; Dong-joon Ahn, chairman, National Defense committee; Man-won Park, chairman, Finance and Economy committee; Woon-song Choi, interpreter; Se-kyung Park, chairman, Judiciary and Legal committee; Pang-yong Song, member, National Assembly; and A. E. (Tommy) Thompson, GP general manager.—Press Photo

DRUNK KILLED IN FALL FROM WINDOW

An unemployed dishwasher, fired because he was continually drunk, dropped to his death from the third-story room of a local hotel Friday night.

Police theorized that he either walked or fell out of the window, possibly mistaking the low French-window-like opening for a door. He and two other buddies, who had been discharged from the same restaurant for the same reason, had been on a two-day drinking binge.

Dead is James William Rhea, 38, who lived at the Murray hotel, 1210 El Prado. His buddies, Richard E. Miller and George Rowntree were booked on a drunk charge. The party was going on in Miller's room, according to Det. Capt. E. N. Ashton of the Torrance Police department.

Miller and Rowntree had passed out and did not know what had happened until police arrived.

The accident was reported by the hotel manager. All three men had been fired a few days before from Huff's, Torrance blvd. at Arlington. Councilman Victor Benstead Tuesday night asked that the city attorney investigate French-type hotel windows and prepare a law requiring greater safety measures.

It was the council's feeling that such a law, to be passed in the name of public safety, should govern present and future buildings.

Drive Nets \$2500 For City of Hope

Torrance raised \$2500 towards the City of Hope fund Sunday in conjunction with the telerama which started Saturday night and ended late Sunday afternoon.

So stated Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, in charge of the local campaign which saw an all-out community effort on behalf of individuals and organizations.

Residents Annoyed Over Water Pressure, Petition for Change

Residents serviced by the Narbonne Ranch Water co. have reached the boiling point over low water pressure.

Petitions are now circulating asking the city of Torrance to take over water service to the area bounded by 239th st., Crenshaw, Sepulveda, and Eshelman.

Spokesman Frank Higgins, for the group, indicated that the water pressure has been down to 18 pounds for years now, when it should be between 30 to 60 pounds.

"The water supply is totally inadequate, even at the present time, to meet the ordinary demands of the consumers," the petition reads.

"Water pressure is so low," the petition continues, that it is impossible for the average household to obtain sufficient water to maintain lawns and shrubs without resorting to the installation and use of booster pumps at a cost of \$150 per consumer.

"The water on many occasions is contaminated with dirt, oil and rust particles."

Angus McVicar, Torrance water superintendent, indicated that the city would have to lay all new pipe if it took over the district.

Cost has been roughly estimated at \$400,000. The area could pay for this over a period of time through revenue bonds.

NEWS BRIEFS

ZONING: Councilman Willy Blount called the City Council's attention to the fact that under present law land zoned commercially but used for residential construction may again revert to commercial use. The council asked the city attorney to come up with a proposal whereby the city can safeguard against such occurrences and also protect developed areas against such a switch.

TRAFFIC DEATH: Mrs. Mary K. Maxson, 65, of 2445 1/2, died Tuesday. (Turn to Page 17)

County to Purchase 204 Acres in Carson For Golf Course

By a vote of three to one and after lengthy debate, the County Board of Supervisors on the motion of Burton W. Chace again declared its intention to purchase 204 acres of Carson property at a cost of \$1,300,000 for development as an 18-hole tournament golf course.

Chace's motion was supported by Supervisors Warren Dorn and John Anson Ford. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn voted in opposition.

A similar action, taken by the Board last May 28, was rescinded the following week when Supervisor Kenneth Hahn disclosed that the supervisors had not been informed of a low appraisal of the land by a firm which estimated its value at \$808,000.

Not 'Valid'

The County Manager's office said the lower figure had been deleted from its report because they felt it was not "valid." They pointed out that the County Engineer valued the land at \$1,224,000 and a third appraiser quoted the \$1,300,000 figure. Robert Heuer, head of the Property Management Division, stated that sales in the area for subdivision purposes ranged from ten to twelve thousand dollars per acre and disclosed that the owners, the Dominguez Estates co., have a valid offer from an industrial developer for 40 acres of the property sought for acquisition by the county at a price of \$8,000 per acre. The price of the property to the County under the proposed purchase figure is \$6,400 per acre.

Hahn today also expressed fear that the County might be removing an existing dump on the property from public use. According to testimony before the Board, the dump, operated by the B. K. K. co. on a lease from the owners, the Dominguez Estates co., has approximately twelve months to run and may continue until the end of its lease.

Chace pointed out that the County will require at least twelve months for the preparation of plans and accumulation. (Turn to Page 17)

Additional 2-Cent Tax Hike Seen

The tax rate of the city of Torrance may be hiked another two cents to provide for social security benefits for city employees if they vote that they wish these additional benefits to supplement State benefits.

In taking this action, the council pointed out that the city's overall tax hike represents "peanuts" in comparison to what county and school bodies have done.

While the Torrance School District is asking for 50 cents of the 75 cent override tax and the county is planning a 14 cent tax increase, the city of Torrance only asked for a four cent increase plus the additional two cents, totaling six cents.

Hedge On Tax

Councilmen first seemed in favor of granting city employees the supplemental social security benefits but hedged on the issue of raising the tax rate.

City Manager George Stevens, pointing out that the only way to pay for these benefits is through a tax increase, told the council:

"I think you should face this matter squarely and not rob someone else of the money."

He had reference to the possibility of additional budget slashing.

"I think our employees have the right to expect participation in the social security program," Councilman Willy Blount stated, prior to Stevens' remarks and being first to go on record. "I think we should put two cents on the tax rate and let it go at that."

Mayor Isen stated, "When the chips are down, I" (Turn to Page 17)

Mrs. Stoddard Operated On, 'Doing Nicely'

Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, founder of Volunteers for Children at Harbor General hospital and chairman of the local City of Hope drive, underwent major surgery Tuesday.

She was said to be "doing nicely" according to her physicians, Dr. E. L. Cook and Dr. Kurt Sherry.

Mrs. Stoddard will have to remain at Torrance Memorial hospital for 10 days and will not be permitted to receive visitors or phone calls.

Kiwanians Joe Doss and Darwin Parrish each donated a pint of blood for the operation.

Mrs. Stoddard is being cared for by Miss Vivian Robinson, RN, and Mrs. Nancy Chew, RN, who have worked closely with her in her volunteer program.

SAILING, SAILING

Jack Bowlas of 4719 Narrot was quite surprised when he sold his boat hull.

He placed the following ad in the Torrance Press classified section.

UNFINISHED boat hull for sale, 18 1/2 ft. Glenn L. design with complete plans. Make offer. FR. 9-5839 after 5 p.m.

There's nothing surprising about Torrance Press classified ads — they'll get results like nobody's business. Call FA 8-2345 and place your ad. Fifteen words for \$1.30. Thirty cents discount if paid at the time ad is placed.

2-Year-old Boy Run Over by Automobile

Steve Maybee, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Maybee of 1605 W. 208th st., was reported in "good condition" at Harbor General hospital after being run over by a car while playing in a driveway Saturday.

For a while the boy was on the critical list, having to undergo major abdominal surgery. His chest was crushed by the car which rolled over him.

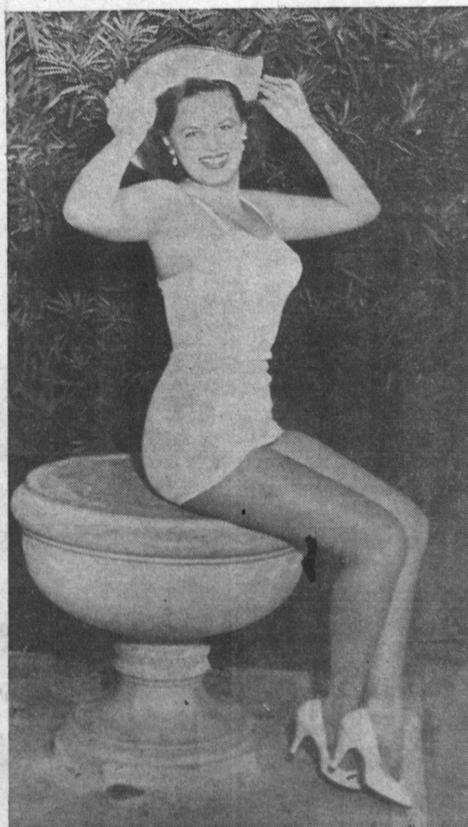
The car was driven by Bennie Boyd Ansley, 20, of 21142 Harvard blvd., who was backing out of the apartment parking lot. He said he did not see the boy until too late.

Other accidents included a bike-car collision at 228th st. and Olive st., injuring Mike Dalton,

9, of 1811 Gramercy ave. Driver of the car was Edwin Martin Grate, 23, of 22621 Meyer st., who said he was unable to avoid hitting the boy.

Also hurt when she was struck by a car driven by Harry Chester Kaminske, 27, of Redondo Beach, was Donna Easley, 10, of 3306 Eldorado st.

The girl told police that she was crossing Torrance blvd. at Madrona ave. when the accident occurred.



RANCHERO DAYS BEAUTY

Ann Thomas, sponsored by Custom Real Estate, is one of five girls entered in the "Miss Torrance" beauty contest so far. The event will coincide with the Rancho Days, local annual fair. —Press Photo

FIVE GIRLS ENTER LOCAL BEAUTY RACE

Five local beauties have officially entered the "Miss Torrance Beauty Contest" which will be held in the Big Industrial Tent at the "Rancho Days" celebration at the Torrance Civic Center the last week of July.

The five girls include Sharon Smith, sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Ann Thomas, Custom Real Estate; Ida DeVore, Torrance Bootery; Judy Hasel, Roth's Market; and Lynn Lehr, one of the runners-up in last year's contest who as yet has no sponsor.

The "Miss Torrance Queen Contest" is sponsored annually by the Torrance Area Youth Band in cooperation with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Girls between the ages of 15 1/2 and 30 years, who are single and residents of the city of Torrance, are eligible to compete for the coveted prize as the queen who will reign over all civic functions throughout the coming year. Applications and additional information is available at the office of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado.

This year's contest will feature also a "popularity contest" which is optional with the contestants. Contestants who enter this phase of the contest will sell admission tickets to the

Queen Contest. The door prize will be a new 1957 automobile. The girl who sells the most ad. (Turn to Page 17)

MERCHANTS OFFER FREE 7-DAY TRIP TO HAWAII

Some lucky couple will be the recipient of a trip to Hawaii lasting eight days and seven nights. Sponsoring the trip is the Downtown Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The winning couple will travel via Trans-Ocean Airlines to Honolulu on a four-engine plane and will be lodged either at the Reef or the Edgewater hotel on Waikiki beach.

Included is transportation to and from the airport, tour of Mt. Santalua, lunch at Waioli tea room, a luau at Queen Surf, tour of pineapple factory, outrigger canoe ride, a visit to the Eastman Kodak Hawaii show, and an Aloha dinner at the International Sky Room.

Tickets to be eligible for the trip may be obtained and filled out now at any downtown Torrance store which is a member of the Retail Merchants assn. No purchase is necessary.

The winner will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday, July 11, 11:45 a.m. Winner need not be present.

Funds Approved for New State Employment Office

A total of \$206,200 has been budgeted for the construction of a California Department of Employment building to be located at Cravens and Engracia ave.

So stated Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, 68th district. Preliminary plans for this new building, to be located on a site owned by the State, have been prepared by the State Division of Architecture.

Plans call for a one-story reinforced brick building, with a gross area of 9118 square feet. The building will be of modern design with forced air heating, air conditioning and ventilation, acoustic tile ceiling, asphalt tile floor covering and fluorescent lighting.

Off-street parking will be provided for 23 vehicles. Thomas said that the Division of Architecture is expected to complete working drawings by January

1, 1958. Construction bids would then go out early in 1958 with work expected to start in the spring of 1958.

The project would be completed and ready for occupancy by the spring of 1959.

10-Story High Furnace Operating at Harvey

The nation's tallest furnace, which reaches higher than a 10-story building, is now operating inside the Harvey Aluminum plant here.

One hundred and ten feet high and seven feet in diameter, the vertical electric furnace was designed and constructed by the Westinghouse Electric corp. to heat treat giant aluminum alloy shapes. The furnace provides controlled temperatures to multiply several times the strength of precision aluminum for aircraft, construction, and other uses.

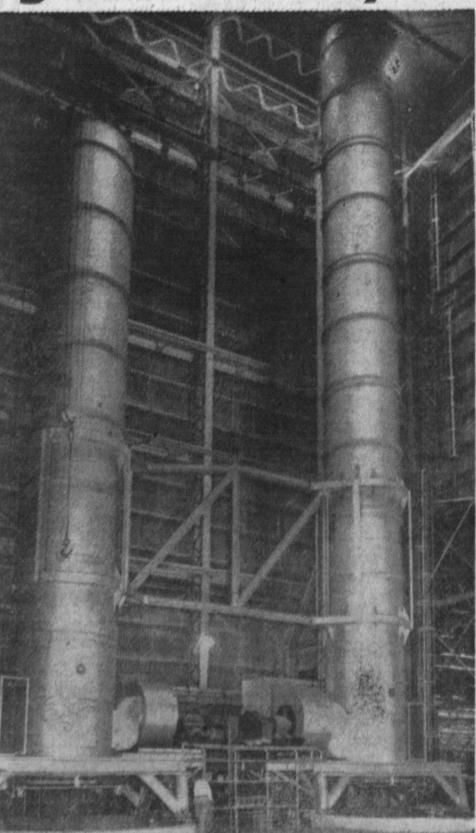
Aluminum pieces up to 80 feet long, squeezed through dies in extrusion presses with hydraulic forces powerful enough to lift a Navy cruiser, are surrounded in the furnace and toughened for the required hours in temperatures up through 800 degrees Fahrenheit.

Then they are plunged instantly into 210,000 gallons of water in an underground quenching tank 110 feet deep and 18 feet in diameter. After a finishing process called "stretching," the Harvey aluminum is ready for shipment to customers.

The furnace is the largest size solution heat treatment furnace of its type built in the world. It is part of an order Harvey placed with Westinghouse to equip its expanded manufacturing facilities. Westinghouse also supplied:

A smaller but expandable companion electric vertical furnace, 70 feet high, standing alongside the 110-foot furnace with a duplicate underground tank.

Five gas-fired furnaces. Two are homogenizing furnaces (Turn to Page 17)



FURNACE TOPS 10 STORIES 110 feet high and seven feet in diameter.