

TORRANCE JANUARY CONSTRUCTION HITS \$7,000,000

Broadway, Hospital Aid Building Surge

Construction this year got off to a leaping start with \$7,009,564 in permit valuations issued by the Torrance building department in January.

16 File For City Offices

A field of 16 candidates for six elective offices at stake in the April 8 municipal election have taken out nomination papers. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett announced late Friday.

Only one candidate, Richard B. Wilson, a real estate broker, of 109 Calle de Arboles, has turned in his petition.

Jobs which will be filled in the election are three City Council seats, the Mayor's job, city clerk and city treasurer's offices.



Roger P. (Pat) Hogue

Incumbent Mayor Albert Izen, Councilman Willys Blount and City Treasurer Harriett V. Leach have taken out nomination papers.

Bartlett said he is still considering whether to seek reelection to the post which he has held for 33 years.

Not all the candidates who took out papers, or had them picked up, indicated what post they will seek.

Council candidates as of Friday afternoon, are Wilson, Roger P. Hogue, 36, a foreman for a sheetmetal concern, of 630 Toucan St., Thirvin Fleetwood, of 3637 West 182nd St., Albert W. Hinz, industrial relations director, of 4733 Paseo de las Tortugas, Walter Kroneberger, an attorney, of 18427 Crenshaw Blvd.

Other possible candidates, who (Continued on page 2)

Quick Sale Of Washer Result Of Ad In Press

It didn't take a Torrance housewife long to wash a washer off her hands.

Mrs. Thomas Gillogly, of 18717 Felbar Ave., Torrance placed a classified ad in Thursday's issue of the Torrance Press listing her automatic washer for sale.

At 8 a.m. Thursday, the machine was sold—for the price she asked.

"The phone has just been ringing off the hook all morning," declared Mrs. Gillogly, pleased with the result of the ad.

Quick results when you want to sell, rent, buy or swap can be obtained easily. Just call an ad taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345, and the same happy result will be yours.

This is more than three times as much as during the corresponding month in 1957, when \$1,905,796 in permits were issued.

Biggest single construction start during the past month was the Broadway-Hale Department Store which accounted for \$3,325,000.

Another big job was the Little Company of Mary Hospital, with a permit for \$2,500,000 issued.

Other major projects included a subdivision on 164th St., \$155,600; a retail store on 190th St., \$178,800; the Arrow Brands plant on Crenshaw Blvd., \$160,000.

Students To Take Part In Science Fair

Students of all grade levels will be invited to participate in the Torrance Schools Science Fair to be held in the Torrance High School gym on April 18.

The exhibits will be classified into three fields. They are: Physiological sciences and biological sciences, according to Hal Widney, curriculum coordinator at Torrance High School, who will serve as organizational chairman.

The displays will be divided into age groups, including the primary group, grades 4 to 6; grades 7 and 8, and 9 through 12.

Each exhibitor will receive a certificate of participation and gold, silver or bronze seals will be affixed to the certificates of the first, second and third place winner in each category.

Widney said the display will be patterned on similar exhibits sponsored by the Science Clubs of America, and follow the general structure of and exhibit to be presented at the County Museum April 19 to 25.

A jury of five will judge the merit of the various displays. Four will be from industrial or civic organizations in Torrance and one from the administrative staff of the Torrance Unified High School District.

New Class At Harbor Next Week

Latin American Civilization, a college course carrying three units of fully transferable credit, will be offered in the evening program at Harbor College, beginning February 10, according to Kenneth R. Williams, Coordinator of Extended Day.

The class will meet Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30. Its content includes a study of the art, literature, and music of the Latin American nations, together with a consideration of their history and culture from the days of the conquest to modern times. A detailed study of the Indian cultures will be presented, and motion pictures and slides will be utilized graphically to describe Latin America.

Dr. Sydney J. Ruffner, leader of summer travel tours through Latin America and instructor of Spanish at Harbor, will teach the course, for which a knowledge of Spanish is not required.

Registration for all classes for the Spring semester will be in progress from February 3 through February 7, but it is advisable to register on February 3 if possible. Further information may be obtained by calling Harbor College.

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Teenaged Gang Takes Shotgun Blast in Wild Chase Through City

Ask Bids For Court-House Job

Authorization for the advertising of bids for the construction of the new Torrance Court House was given Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors on motion of Supervisor Burton W. Chace. The new Court House located in the Torrance Civic Center has a cost estimate of \$289,619.00 Chace revealed.

The building, designed by Kenneth S. Wing, Long Beach Architect, will be a one-story structure and will contain a court room, judges chambers, offices for the Marshal, District Attorney, Sheriff, and Clerk, as well as a Jury room and other facilities necessary for the operation of the building.

Chace said that Tuesday's action of the Board means bids should be returned to the Board within a month's time. Following a two-week check by the County Engineer, the contract will be awarded probably late in February or the first week in March. Construction should get underway two weeks after award of the bid, Chace said.

The building actually will contain 10,112 square feet with exterior brick walls, concrete slab floors, and will be designed in a fashion to harmonize with the other buildings of the civic center.

Burglar Gets \$5 In Liquor Store Break, Thursday

A burglar labored hard to steal \$5 from Bill Moore's Liquor store, 20317 Hawthorne Blvd., owner Bill Moore reported to Torrance police Thursday.

The thief first attempted to pry open the rear door, but was unsuccessful. He then climbed a tree and forced his way through the lowered rear window.

\$175 Hi-Fi Set Stolen

Theft of his hi-fi set, valued at \$175, was reported to Torrance police Thursday by Gerald A. Gardner, of 3833 Spencer St. He said the thief entered his unlocked apartment.

Auto Stickers Deadline Set for Tuesday, Feb. 4

Counting today, motorists have exactly two days to get their 1958 auto stickers to escape heavy penalties for being late.

The deadline is Tuesday, February 4, car owners were re-



LEAD FUND DRIVE: The \$12,500 industrial phase of the Torrance YMCA fund campaign was kicked off Thursday at a meeting at which drive goals were explained to volunteer lead-

ers. Here Benjamin Smith, chairman of the YMCA board, center, confers with George A. Bradford, left, and Fred W. Mill, co-chairmen of the industry drive.—Press Photo.

College Heads Meet Parents Of Pupils Here

Life at college, entrance requirements and course offerings will be explained to interested parents and students of Torrance High School at the THS, College Advisement Night Scheduled for February 18.

Representatives from five colleges will meet with parents in the Torrance High School Auditorium at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the junior college approach to education, the advantages of the small liberal arts colleges, the advantages of the large university and the advantages of the state college.

Small group meetings will follow the general meeting. These smaller meetings are scheduled to allow parents an opportunity to discuss individual problems with the college personnel present.

W. Holmes Smith of El Camino College; John Steinbough of the University of Southern California; Gann Smith of Occidental College; Mrs. Katherine Walker of the University of California at Los Angeles and C. R. Bergland of Long Beach State College will explain their colleges at the meetings.

SEEK TEN \$1000 GIFTS IN YMCA FUND CAMPAIGN

Fred W. Mill, of National Supply Co., and George A. Bradford of the George A. Bradford Co. launched the Industrial Division of the Torrance YMCA Fund Drive at a luncheon meeting today.

Eighteen leaders of local industries attended the meeting to prepare themselves for the task of raising \$12,500 in substantial gifts from light and heavy industry within Torrance.

Bradford pointed out that there are more than 300 small industrial corporations within Torrance, and that in past years these firms have generously supported the local YMCA operation.

Mill reported that eight of the larger corporations gave \$1000 or more last year. He is hopeful of increasing this number to ten during the 1958 YMCA Campaign.

Both men told of the good progress by the Torrance YMCA as a direct result of industrial support for this active youth program. They pointed to more than 70 active YMCA youth clubs with 5500 members. "Torrance Industry has accepted the challenge to serve the youth of our community with YMCA clubs, camps, athletics, and needed counseling," Mill said.

Bradford pointed out that al-

Little League To Enroll Boys Each Saturday

Registration for the Torrance Little League is now open through March 15.

Boys who will be 8 Aug. 1 and not over 13 at that date are eligible to enroll in the program. Sign-ups will be made on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Carson Bowl, Henrietta Ave. and Torrance Blvd.

Prospective players must bring their birth certificate and one parent and reside in the area bounded by Del Amo and Hawthorne Blvds., Ripley and Raiston Lanes.

\$5585 Raised in "Y" Fund Drive

"Y" Campaigners have raised \$5585 or 19 per cent of their \$30,000 goal. With the Industrial Kick-Off last Thursday it is hoped that 50 per cent of the goal can be raised by this Friday.

The Clubs and Churches led again this week with 46 per cent of their goal. The Parents' Division leads in total amount contributed at \$1787. Progress of the campaign is evidence that the citizens of Torrance want the YMCA to continue to serve the youth of our community.

Redondo Beach Reports Similar Youth Attack

Police of two cities today searched for a gang of teenagers who took shotgun blasts at motorists in Torrance and Redondo Beach early Saturday.

Richard Magana, of 305 S. Suzana Ave., Redondo Beach, said he escaped from the youths who pursued his car in a lengthy race through the downtown Torrance area.

He said he had stopped his car at Arlington Ave. and 203rd St. to close his door.

A moment later a car occupied by four or five teenagers pulled up alongside and one of the youths aimed a shotgun at him and yelled "hey."

Magana said he immediately raced away from the scene, the other car in full pursuit.

As he drove south, a shotgun blast was emptied at the rear of his car, striking the rear deck and his license plate. As he slowed down, the other vehicle struck him in the rear.

The victim took off again and lost his pursuers at Torrance Blvd. and Border Ave. Magana immediately raced to the Torrance police station where he told officers he did not know any of the assailants, nor did his companion, Andres Ribera, of 13110 Largo St., Compton.

Redondo Beach police said they had a report of a similar attack in that city during the night. The suspects' car was of the same description.

Torrance police were also investigating the complaint of Clem Collin, of 1646 Havenmeyer Ave., who said that someone hurled a brick through his car window while he was driving on 203rd St. near Arlington Ave.

New Gun Club Fires Bullets On Quick Draw

A group of sharpshooters recently banded together to form the Southern California Single Action Club, which is interested in studying and firing the weapons that won the West.

The 35 members shoot wax bullets on quick draw, utilizing an electric timer. Movie pick-draw artists such as Hugh O'Brien and Arvo Ojala have demonstrated their skill.

Information on joining the club or forming a similar one may be obtained from Jack Peterson or Ed Skifstrom at Jack and Ed's Sporting Goods Shop, 2215 1/2 Redondo Beach Blvd.

Library Bid for Center

Possibility of constructing a \$300,000 county library in the Torrance Civic Center, is expected to be requested of the City Council in the near future.

John D. Henderson, county librarian, said that his department hopes to build a major branch here in the 1959-60 fiscal year if the city is able to provide the site.

The building as envisioned by Henderson, will occupy approximately 12,000 square feet of space in its initial phase.

The librarian said that plans for such a project will have to await approval of the Board of Supervisors.

In the meantime, the branch at 1945 Post St. has been established as a headquarters branch for the southern section of the County and will be in a region named Torrance-South Bay.

\$4,000 Gift To Hospital In Torrance

G. Lee Blanchard, District Manager of the Southern California Edison Company, presented a check in the amount of \$4,000 to Henry W. Creeger, President of the Hospital Board of Directors this week.

Creeger expressed appreciation for this gift and stated that the money was being used to improve the hospital facilities.

As a non-profit, community owned facility, the Torrance Memorial Hospital is prevented by Federal Law from making large capital improvements out of its operating income. The Torrance Memorial Hospital has now expanded to 97 beds and is in the process of a complete renovation.

Leonard Ensminger, Administrator, stated that as new hospital equipment becomes available, which will improve patient care, it is purchased as contributions are received.



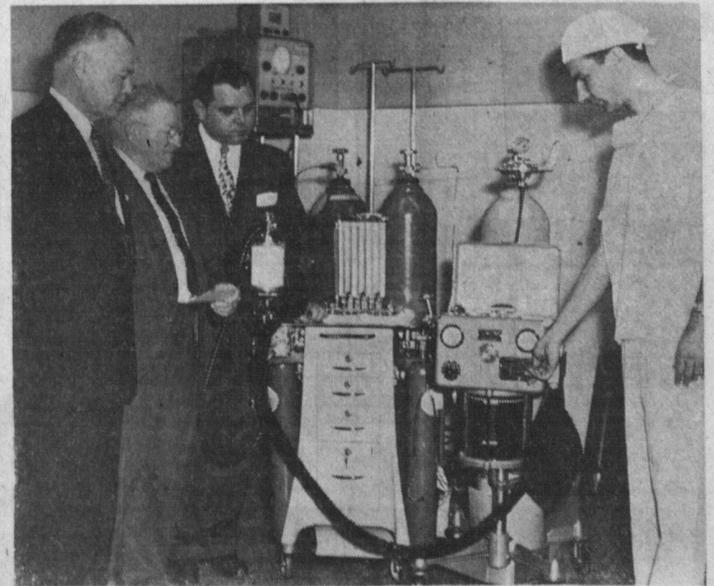
DEADLINE NEAR: Only two more days are left to renew automobile registration, before penalties are imposed. Lining up at the Torrance office of the Department of Motor Ve-

hicles are from left: John R. Mitchell, Portuguese Bend, Leo Roth, Luther Harwood and Gene McCarthy of Torrance.—Press Photo.

Steel Sink Taken At Sepulveda Job

This burglar finally did it. He stole the kitchen sink, but nothing else.

The crime was reported at the construction site of the Sepulveda School, 4600 Merrill Ave. Torrance police said the stainless steel sink taken in the burglary was 25 by 48 inches in size.



LIFE SAVER: G. Lee Blanchard, District manager of the Southern California Edison Company, inspects new Bennett Resuscitator which is used in the Torrance Memorial Hospital surgery. Henry W. Creeger, President of the

Hospital Board, and Leonard Ensminger, Administrator, observe Dr. Philip Halloran, Assistant Chief of Staff, demonstrating this life-saving equipment.