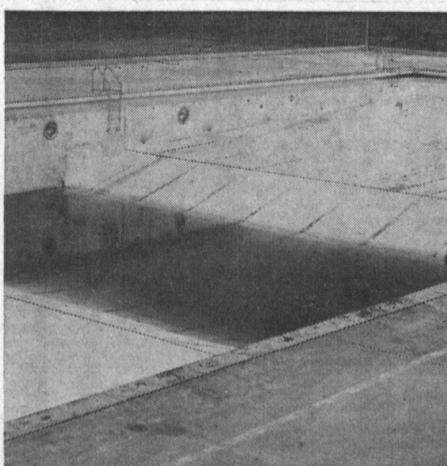


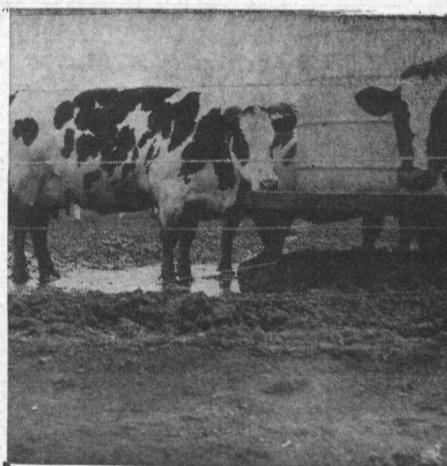
WELL NAMED—One of the most meaningful street names in Torrance appears to be "Ocean ave." This shows part of the area south of Sepulveda blvd., which has been virtually surrounded by water for several weeks. Ducks like it.



WHERE'S THE YARD?—A walkway is all that shows in front yard of home at 22768 Earl st., one of the streets where residents almost have to be fish to get in and out. Latest storm didn't help much to get rid of water which has been standing.



SWIM, ANYONE?—Although city has ordered closing of Binstead Pool except during summer months, water from rain storm has accumulated in deepest part of plunge, right under diving board. Photog said water looked sort of dirty, though.



ANKLE DEEP—Even the cows are having a tough time getting around these days. Here the beef on the hoof are standing deep in the mud in a dairy on Ocean ave. Just before photo was taken, cow almost didn't get its feet out of mud.

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TOPSY-TURVY—Although Mrs. Josephine J. Young MacZaga, 35, of 4634 W. 191st st., spilled over in her car, at right, when she hit embankment at Madrona and 206th sts. Friday afternoon, she escaped uninjured. Mrs. Joanne L. Horland, 33, of 20605 Madrona st., who was driving station wagon, also escaped unharmed in spectacular crash. —Press photo

Woman Defies Edict to Yield School Land

Shift to Apartment Building Seen Here

Construction trends in Torrance will shift from single family houses to apartments, Building Superintendent Lee Schiens predicted today.

"In the past few years, single family residences accounted for 95 per cent of housing construction. Now the trend is to about 50-50," the official said.

Planners to Hear Bluff Case

The Torrance Planning Commission will hold hearings April 2 and 16, to rezone the Don-Ja-Ran bluff property in accordance with a stipulated court order.

The city decided to settle the controversial zoning case on advice of its special counsel, Charlton Mewborn.

The firm was originally granted a zone change to permit construction of a resort hotel. When the building company came back with its preliminary plans for a motel structure, the City Council balked and rezoned the property to R-1, which permits only single family houses.

Don-Ja-Ran initiated court action, and after Mewborn advised the Council that the city could lose the case, the compromise agreement was reached.

Now the Planning Commission will rezone the majority of the seaside land to R-3, for apartments, and a small portion for resort hotel.

Airport Traffic Slowed

Slowing down vehicular traffic which is using the taxi strip is one of the first safety problems to be tackled by Airport Manager Jack Egan.

He said until the service road is installed, both ground and air traffic use the taxi strip. Egan said that he hopes that money for the installation of a service road will be available in about six months.

Helpful Advice Leads to Quick Sale of Auto

Mrs. Dwight Clark, of 1910 W. 265rd st., Lomita, is quite grateful to a Torrance Press ad-taker for giving her sound advice.

For two weeks, Mrs. Clark had attempted to sell her 1947 Ford without success. Disappointed, she asked a classified ad saleswoman for advice.

She got it immediately. Mrs. Clark was urged to rewrite her ad to give more details about the auto's condition.

The next time the ad appeared, in revised form, Mrs. Clark received three calls, and sold the car immediately.

If you have something to sell, buy or rent, call a courteous ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA. 8-2345, for quick results.

Thieves Vandalize School as Loot Proves Negligible

Thieves who broke into the Alexander Fleming Junior High School Thursday caused considerable mess, but managed to steal only \$2, deputies at the Lennox Sheriff's Station reported.

The burglars smashed windows to gain admittance to the school at 25425 Walnut ave., Lomita, and attempted to crack the safe by knocking off the dial, but failed to open it.

They ransacked offices and classrooms in search for loot, and found some change in the cafeteria. Apparently angered by the lack of loose cash, they spilled pots of pudding on the cafeteria floor, deputies said.

STOLEN TV SET
A television set valued at \$250, a clock radio and various articles of clothing, including nurses' uniforms, were stolen from the home of Oscar Swedberg, 25125 Cypress ave., Lomita, he reported to the Lennox Sheriff's Station Thursday.

Stork Beats Race to Delivery Room

An impatient stork beat Mrs. Anabeth Murphy, 25, of 10420 1/2 S. Broadway, as she raced to Torrance Memorial Hospital Thursday night.

She got as far as the parking lot, where the doctor on duty delivered the baby, after Torrance police gave her an escort for the last few blocks. Both mother and son are doing well, officials reported.

Second Suspect in Siege Case Nabbed

Capture of Ronald David Rhonemus, 20, during a Chicago holdup attempt, ended a search for two youthful desperadoes who laid siege to a Torrance home Feb. 13.

Rhonemus, and a companion, Bart J. Blackburn, 23, invaded the home of Mrs. Lola Garrett, 1664 W. 205th st., for more than 24 hours, before they made their getaway in a stolen car.

Blackburn was arrested in Oakland, Feb. 25, three days after he and Rhonemus allegedly wounded an Alameda deputy sheriff during a holdup.

Both youths came to Torrance after they and a third companion escaped from the San Luis Obispo County Jail.

After the jail break, the two men forced Tom Garrett and his brother Ray, to take them home and give them lodging.

After the pair left the following night the Garretts told police the men had been quite cordial and polite.

But after eluding police in the Los Angeles area, a wave of crime followed the pair.

Rhonemus was arrested without struggle during a robbery of a Chicago pawnshop. He will be returned to California.

The arrest took place just a day before Rhonemus was to be placed on the FBI's 10 most wanted list.

Drain Plan to Include County Aid

Public works officials will seek a special meeting with the Torrance City Council Tuesday to discuss "top secret" results of a conference with Col. H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the County Flood Control District.

Although Torrance officials refused to give any details of the discussion until the return of City Manager George Stevens Monday, it was learned that the program involves drainage of the Waverly Lake and Palos Verdes hillside areas.

At Meeting
John V. Russell, public works director, City Engineer Ronald Bishop, and his assistant, John Patrick attended the meeting with Hedger.

Indications are that the city officials presented a program under which the lowest point of Waverly Lake be deepened to collect water and that it then be connected with a county trunk drain which is to be widened in order to carry the increased water load.

Flood Relief
The City Council has been requesting the public works department to study all possibilities of obtaining flood relief for the city, particularly around the Waverly Lake and Hollywood Riviera sections.

City officials have also maintained that some of the flooding is aggravated by water draining from the hillside.

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FBI Recovers Stolen Plane Before Owner Discovers It's Missing

Norm Hagen "was up in the air," when told that his \$10,000 Beech-Bonanza plane was found in Virginia before he or anyone else knew it had even been stolen.

The San Pedro yacht anchorage operator was told by FBI agents that two AWOL soldiers had stolen his aircraft from Torrance Municipal Airport last Feb. 19, and crash-landed it in a farmer's field near Botetourt, Va.

Hagen, who has been away, and has not used his plane for more than a month, did not know that the plane was stolen. Neither did officials at the airport, until the FBI informed them.

Airport Manager Jack Egan said that an FBI agent told him this week that the two soldiers had left Ft. Bragg, and gone to Los Angeles. For their return trip, they allegedly stole the plane.

The fuselage of the plane and a wing were reportedly damaged in the crash landing. As far as Egan knows, the aircraft is still parked on the farmer's field, waiting for Hagen to pick it up.

District Offers Bonds to Finance North, South High Construction

Sale of \$1,260,000 in bonds, to finance construction at North and South High Schools. The proposed West High School site, was authorized by the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District this week.

The funds will be used to build three wings of classrooms at South High, and two wings at North High School, according to S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent.

Summer Start
Construction on the South High program is scheduled to start this summer, while the final building at North High will commence in fall.

Each wing provides space for approximately six classrooms. Funds will also be used for the construction of the cafeteria and library at South High.

When completed, both high schools will accommodate a maximum enrollment of 2500 students each, Waldrip said.

New Site
He explained that proceedings have already been filed to obtain 40 acres at the southeast corner of Del Amo blvd. and Henrietta st. for the West High School which will be needed by 1962.

Lynn Hits 'Pressure' Tactics

A variance for a North Torrance apartment development was approved by the Planning Commission after its president said the board will not be influenced by "pressure groups."

Bert M. Lynn made the remark after Frank Johnson, of 18720 Fonthill ave., asked for a postponement of the hearing on a request by George J. Rosenblatt to construct a six-unit apartment at the end of Fonthill ave., north of 190th st.

Johnson asked for a continuation of the matter until he can report the case to the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

"Decisions made on this issue by a pressure group will have no effect on the commission's final decision," Lynn said.

The planners set certain conditions which include single story construction, sufficient garages and a permanent easement must be given to prevent landlocking adjoining properties.

STEAL STONE SAW
A stone saw, valued at \$300 was stolen from the Compton Plaster Company, 26172 Pennsylvania dr., Lomita. Lennox Sheriff's Station reported.

Says Site Is Hazard to Children

A North Torrance woman vowed to stay on her property despite an ultimatum from the Board of Education that it will obtain an eviction order, if necessary.

Miss Peggy Barbara Swick, of 2534 W. 182nd st., insists she will not budge because she considers the proposed school to be built on her land is too dangerous and that children attending it will be killed by heavy traffic.

Circulates Petition
She is presently circulating a petition and claims to have signatures from more than 100 neighbors protesting construction of the Hamilton School at that location.

School officials take a dim view of Miss Swick's stand. They say that they have title to Miss Swick's two acres and eight other acres needed for the school site.

Given Deadline
Since the district will call bids for the construction on April 4, they want Miss Swick off the property by April 11.

The Board of Education Tuesday approved forcible eviction of the woman through a sheriff's order, if that step becomes necessary.

School officials said they have obtained title to the land and have placed \$37,000 in escrow.

They asked Board action, because Miss Swick had informed them if they want the land, they would have "to put her in the street."

"Nothing else matters, except the safety of children," explained Miss Swick in announcing her stand.

Double Shift at Schools Whittled

A small percentage of Torrance Unified School District students are on double sessions now than at any time since 1952, the Board of Education was advised.

During March, 3738 students, 17 per cent of the district enrollment of 21,380 were on double sessions, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, said.

This number will be reduced "substantially," on completion of the Calle Mayor, Jefferson, Yukon, Magruder, Hamilton and Lincoln schools, he said.

Progress was reported since last October, when 5687, or 27 per cent of the students were on double sessions.

The worst period in double sessions was in October, 1954, when 48 per cent of the student body was on double sessions.

The lowest point in doubled-up classrooms was in 1951, when only seven per cent was affected.



READY TO START—Inspecting plans for the new \$303,000 municipal court house building in the Torrance Civic Center site are from left, Ben James Grainger, senior county building inspector, Bert Miles, construction supervisor, and Al Hellstrom, surveyors. New court building is expected to be completed in nine months. —Press photo