



FUTURE OFFICER—Harry E. Hakanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hakanson, 2720 Gramercy Ave., is being sworn in as a Navy aviator cadet by Lt. Cmdr. R. L. White at Los Alamitos. The Torrance youth will now attend training in Pensacola, Fla., where he will learn to fly the latest types of Naval aircraft.

Torrance-made Airplane Exhibited in Yugoslavia

The Transland Ag-2 farm and forest airplane will be on display in the United States Pavilion at the International Trade Fair at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, September 20, 1959, to show the peoples of eastern Europe agricultural aviation, one of the many unusual and successful scientific techniques that has enabled the United States to lead the world in farm production.



The Transland Ag-2 has been loaned for the official U. S. Exhibit by Transland Aircraft, Torrance, on invitation from the Office of International Trade Fairs, Department of Commerce. This is the first time a U. S. agricultural aircraft has ever been selected by Department of Commerce officials for display at an international trade fair.

Electronic Buildings Plans Set

Plans for the first stage of AiResearch's Torrance plant are now being checked by the building department.

The drawings were received less than a week after a building permit was issued for the Magnavox electronics building on Maricopa St., between Maple Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Building Superintendent Lee Schens said that an unusual aspect of the AiResearch construction is that the foundation, steel frame and general contracting work will be handled by three separate firms.

Valuation of the foundation for the 300 by 254 square foot electronics building was set at \$90,000. There will be two floors and a partial basement and tunnels to connect with other buildings to be constructed later.

The Magnavox electronics building will be one story with a mezzanine, and occupy 62,719 square feet. Valuation was set at \$1,100,000.

Another major permit was issued this week for a new Von's Market at Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor, with its valuation estimated at \$210,000. A partial permit for other stores at the shopping center was valued at \$57,000, Schens said.

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Probe Repair Costs of City Pool Operation

A cost study to determine how much money is being spent on repairs and improvements on the Benstead Municipal Plunge was demanded this week by Councilman Robert Jahn.

"I'd like to know how much is spent for the short time it's used," he said.

Councilman Willys Blount said he agreed. "We spend \$5000 to \$10,000 every couple of months," he asserted.

The comments were made following a request to study plans for installation of a circulating pump and automatic refill.

Councilmen also gave the go-ahead to keep the pool open until Oct. 4, unless the weather suddenly turns cold.

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Music Students Win Top Award

Several students of the Melodie Music Center, 21166 S. Western Ave., won trophies for solo performances at the National Music Association banquet held last week at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Edwards and their daughter, Kay, of the local music studio accompanied the group.

Awards were received by the Orkettes, senior guitar band, the senior concert band and the senior ensemble junior guitarists from this studio.

Solo winners are Larry Coulton, Randy Roach, Jimmy Crawley, Joe Savage, Lyn and Pat Politz, Don Campbell, Linda Cunningham, Tommy Upton, Larry Snider, Nanette Hironymous, Homer and Richard Vanderverter.

FIRST FORFEIT

The Girls' Softball League had its first forfeit of the summer last Tuesday at McMaster Park. The Teams failed to field a team, thereby giving the Vandals an other win. In the other game played on the same night, the Esabs continued their winning ways by defeating the Spartettes 22 to 11.

Discrimination in Pay Boosts Hit by Worker

Request that "discrimination" in recent pay raises be corrected was filed with the city by Francis C. Salata, a custodian. In his letter to the City Council he charged that custodians received only two and one-half per cent wage boosts while most other employees received at least five or more per cent.

He said that while the city stands to save only \$1300 a year by the smaller raise given to custodians, the money means a lot to the employees on the lower pay scales.

"... this is just short of ostracism of us by human society," Salata wrote.

During budget sessions the council approved a 5 per cent raise for most employees, but leaving out certain classifications, mostly in the lower payroll echelons who received only half of that amount.

At the same time several top city officials, including the city manager, his assistant, public works director and city attorney received substantial raises above the 5 per cent.

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Walteria Dump Site Appraisal Asked by City

Appraisal of a Walteria gravel pit and negotiations for purchase of the property for possible use as a dump site, was approved by the City Council Tuesday.

City Manager George Stevens pointed out that the property on Hawthorne Blvd. south of Newton St., could be used as a source of material, a dump, and finally a park.

The recommendation was made to assure a future dump site when the present one is filled up.

Councilman Nickolas O. Drale proposed that perhaps the city's rubbish could be shipped out to the desert by rail, but this idea is not economical according to public works officials.

City approval for the Santa Fe Railroad to run spur tracks across Madrona and Maple Aves., was held up for two weeks until officials canicker over who pays for the crossing signals.

"If we accept this, we'll suddenly get the bill for signals," Councilman Willys Blount pointed out.

Wade E. Peebles, public works director, said that under the franchise agreement with the railroad, the city is obligated to pay for a share of the warning devices.

Sewer District Hearing Slated

A hearing on the proposed construction of sewers on Berendo Ave. in Torrance will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 25 in Room 101, 108 West Second Street, Los Angeles.

This was announced by Supervisor Burton W. Chace following approval of the investigation report by the Board of Supervisors. As outlined by the County Engineer, sewage originating from within this proposed district will be disposed of through sewers constructed by subdividers which serve area outside of their subdivision.

Chace explained that under agreements entered into by the County of Los Angeles, a charge of \$3,401.58 has been determined as the district's share in the reimbursement to the subdividers for the use of the sewers and this amount will be included in the assessments to be levied.

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