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It's Back to School for Torrance Students
 Torrance elementary and high school students will be wending their way back to "readin" and "ritin" on Jan. 4 when schools re-open following the holidays.

The 20,126 elementary and 4,936 high school students will resume their studies. A total of 25,174 students attend Torrance public schools.



NEW IMPORT—Italy's Fiat 2100 is a full-sized four-door sedan with water-cooled engine. The new Fiat can attain speeds of 100 m.p.h. and gets 28 miles to the gallon. The car is on display at Fiat of Italy Motors, 505 Pacific Coast Hwy., Hermosa.

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DMV Issues 38,000 Licenses in '59

Statistics compiled and released today by Carlos Bradley, manager of the Torrance office of the Department of Motor Vehicles show that 1959 was a very busy year. During the calendar year 38,024 drivers licenses were issued which shows a ten percent increase over 1958. Tests were given to 38,024 of this number 2878 failed the examination.

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EMPLOYEES in the Southern California Gas Co.'s Southwest division receive four-star AID merit award flag for over 94 per cent participation in AID-United Givers' program for health and welfare agencies. Accepting award for area employees from AID representative Donald Norden (third from right) are (from right) Labor-Management Committee members H. L. Howe, G. C. Park, division manager C. W. Shupp, W. F. Haskell, G. R. Milne and H. H. Pottle.



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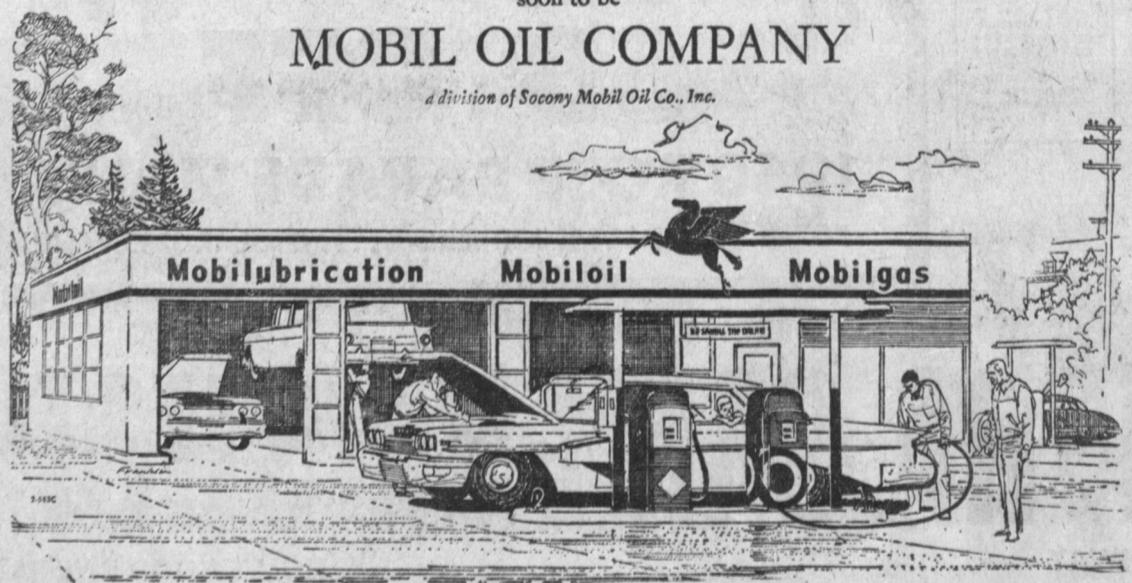
GENERAL PETROLEUM is changing its name January 1 to MOBIL OIL COMPANY to match its products.

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Northrop Institute Announces Registration

Registration for the winter quarter at the Northrop Institute of Technology will be from Dec. 28th to 31st, it was announced today by Jess L. Green, Director of Admissions of the engineering college located at 1155 W. Arbor Vitae St. in Inglewood.

Students drawn from all of the 50 states and many foreign countries will begin their studies when the quarter opens on Monday, Jan. 4th. On that date, an orientation assembly will be held to acquaint freshmen with the college policies and meet members of the faculty and administration.

One hundred and thirty five new students will be enrolled in the winter quarter. Fifty seven graduates of Northrop Institute's two year engineering program will return to complete the requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree. Approximately 400 are expected to attend the evening classes.

NIT is located in the heart of the Southern California aircraft industry and is one of the nation's largest sources of obtaining personnel for the aviation, electronics and space age industry.

New Year's Party at Disneyland

The New Year will once again be ushered in with a gala flourish at Disneyland on the evening of today when the Magic Kingdom presents Southern California's biggest New Year's Eve Party.

Highlighting the music of five dance bands, special entertainment and a surprise Midnight Spectacular, the third annual celebration will take place from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. New Year's Eve, and will offer party-goers a complete ticket "package."

Tickets to the Disneyland New Year's Eve Party include the following: admission to Disneyland; admission to every attraction and ride in Disneyland, as many times as you desire; dancing to the music of five bands and a Hawaiian combo, each performing at its own separate location in the Park; four performances of the popular Golden Horseshoe Revue; the surprise Midnight Spectacular; and the traditional hats and noisemakers for everyone.

Featured bands and entertainers for the evening include Lloyd and Bill Elliott and the "Disneyland Dancers," and Skiles & Henderson with vocalist Roberta Shore. They'll be joined by bands headed by Charlie LaVere, Gordon Mitchell, Dick Winslow and The Musicologists, and Johnny Ukelele and his Hawaiian group.

Building Permits Show Increase

Building permits issued in Torrance during 1959 reflect an increase of nearly \$8,000,000 over 1958, it was learned today.

Superintendent of Building Lee Schlens said commercial and industrial construction is running about fifty-fifty with residential building. Last year's ratio showed a lop-sided four-to-one imbalance in favor of residential construction.

"The present fifty-fifty ratio is favorable, very favorable toward continued healthy growth and a sound tax base for Torrance," said Schlens. "These are all blue-chip industrial firms that are moving into Torrance," Schlens added. "They're here to stay."

Retirement Poses Problem for Aged

Compulsory retirement plans of industry today pose a problem for the millions of people reaching older age. Many of the persons face a rather empty future, for it is difficult to stop suddenly the mental and physical machinery that has been geared to business competition.

Taken away from his job, whether it be manual or mental, the individual finds too many hours in the day and too much time to do nothing. Wise is the person who foresees this inactivity by preparing himself with an avocation.

It is not good to lose interest and a satisfying hobby will not only keep curiosity and zest alive, but very often will create a field of financial return.

Age is more or less an individual problem just as it is a normal growth pattern. Many persons at 30 suggest physical and mental characteristics of aging. Others at 70 may reveal a wrinkled skin which is offset by a sprightly walk and a mental agility.

Preventive medicine, through its control of many diseases that formerly took lives, is responsible for extending the life span. Today there are more than 19 million people over 55 years of age.

Figures released today list \$22,925,727 worth of assessed valuation in building permits for 1958 as against an estimated \$30,500,000 for 1959. The heavy increase in costly commercial and industrial construction is emphasized by the fact that 1958 ended with 2,683 permits issued while 1959 concludes with an estimated 2,900 authorized — an increase of only 217.

Biggest month for building permits issued was July with 280 as compared to the monthly average of 230. August was the high month in dollars of assessed valuation — some \$4,491,164.

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Celebrants Await New Year's Eve

Everything is ready to usher out Old Man 1959 and welcome Little Baby 1960, according to Torrance night club officials who announced today that they are looking forward to a big New Year's Eve.

With prosperity riding high, celebrants are expected to spend plenty of the green stuff to wash down their troubles and happiness of 1959 and welcome 1960 with a bang.

The night clubs in this area announce that they will have open house with plenty of the liquid stuff on hand for a long and gala evening.

With plenty of money in circulation and employment at a high level it should be a night that will be long remembered as 1960 makes its bow.



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