

### Torrance Valuation Tops in County Except for Los Angeles, Long Beach

With the exception of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Torrance was the only city in the top 10 municipalities in Los Angeles County to exceed \$11,000,000 in assessment valuation in the past year, according to Torrance

Chamber of Commerce President J. H. Paget. He said: "Both Los Angeles and Long Beach are far above Torrance in area, population and valuation. Against the other eight, Torrance not only showed an increase above \$11,000,000 but gained

nearly 2 1/2 times that figure. "If the trend continues, Torrance will overtake every other city, except the two previously mentioned, in the next few years."

Torrance's 1958-59 valuation was \$169,272,000 against \$144,883,000 for 1957-58 to rank eighth or two notches above 1957-58. Heading the top 10 cities is Los Angeles, followed by Long Beach, Burbank, Pasadena, Vernon, Glendale, Santa Monica, Torrance, Beverly Hills and El Segundo.

### Gourmet Club Tastes Scandinavian Cuisine

The Torrance Gourmet Club enjoyed Scandinavian cuisine at the Scandia Restaurant, Hollywood, yesterday evening.

Prior to the dinner the group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edmunds for cocktails.



MAMMOTH — Huge trucks and trailers provide great majority of this area's sand, gravel from Chandler's on Narbonne Ave.

### 90% of Gravel, Sand Provided by Chandler

About 90% of the sand and gravel used in the entire South Bay area, including Torrance, in the past 20 years for such purposes as building foundations, sidewalks, and garage floors, has been provided by the Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Co., 26311 Narbonne Ave., according to David F. Hagan, superintendent in charge of ready-mix.

Besides the Torrance facility, another plant functions in El Segundo.

The Torrance plant, which is the larger, contains 200 acres, but only 40 are devoted to the pit. Approximately 3000 tons of sand and 500 yards of ready-mix are produced each day at the two plants.

Equipment needed to operate the two plants includes five shovels, a skip-loader, and a bulldozer, besides nine trucks, a trailer, and 26 ready-mix trucks.

In addition to the plants, two building-material yards, under the name of Compton Plaster Co., Inc., are maintained in Compton and Lomita.

The company was formed in 1937 by Chandler, whose equipment included one power shovel and a dragline.

Officers are: L. H. Chandler, president; John V. Robinson, general manager; David F. Hagan, superintendent in charge of ready-mix; and Ray Dawson, superintendent in charge of sand and production.

### Multimillion-Dollar Program to Bring Public Works of City Up to New Standards

A multi-million-dollar program that will put Torrance on a normal functional basis at least, is slated for 1960, according to the plans of the Public Works Department.

The storm drain project will start this year. This alone will cost \$2,500,000. This money will come from the \$500,000,000 bond issue approved by county voters.

The hazardous traffic situation due to inadequate overhead signals is expected to be eliminated.

Work will start on the Dominguez channel and bridges. If there is no interruption, the project should be completed this year.

The portion of the San Diego freeway extension that will traverse Torrance is expected to be under construction. A two-level crossing will be provided at 190th St. and Figueroa St. where Harbor freeway will cross.

Another job will be undertaken with the start of proposed Torrance Blvd. beautification project. A study of the thoroughfare is under way from Cabrillo and Western Aves.

Work on the opening of Arlington Ave. from Del Amo south will start. This is a vital artery to the city's growth and has priority.

Resurfacing Western Ave. from 190th St. to Torrance Blvd. is scheduled. A four-lane improved highway plan is on the drawing boards.

Painting of 291 pieces of equipment used by the Public Works

Department is near the finishing stage. This improvements will prove a great advertising value to the city, all officials of the department believe.

City's park system will be affected by a rehabilitation program set for 1960 by Casper Klemmer, superintendent of parks. Existing parks will see improvements such as restrooms where there are none, more walks, landscaping and equipment for play areas.

Three parks are to be developed. They are:

La Romeria, 19501 Inglewood Ave.;

Paradise, 5806 Lee St.;

Los Arabes, 5101 Colle de Re-

cardo.

The first step toward better recreation at these outdoor spots is walks, Klemmer said.

"You must start with the walks; then come the buildings and other necessary developments. These parks are part of the master plan for the city."

Klemmer said a change in location of parks may be necessary after a decision has been made. Other factors will enter into the situation after a park has been named at a certain location, he said.

For instance, efforts are made to install parks near schools. Sometimes the Board of Education changes its mind on the location of the school site. This affects the thinking of the planning group.

Traffic planning for the entire city is under way.

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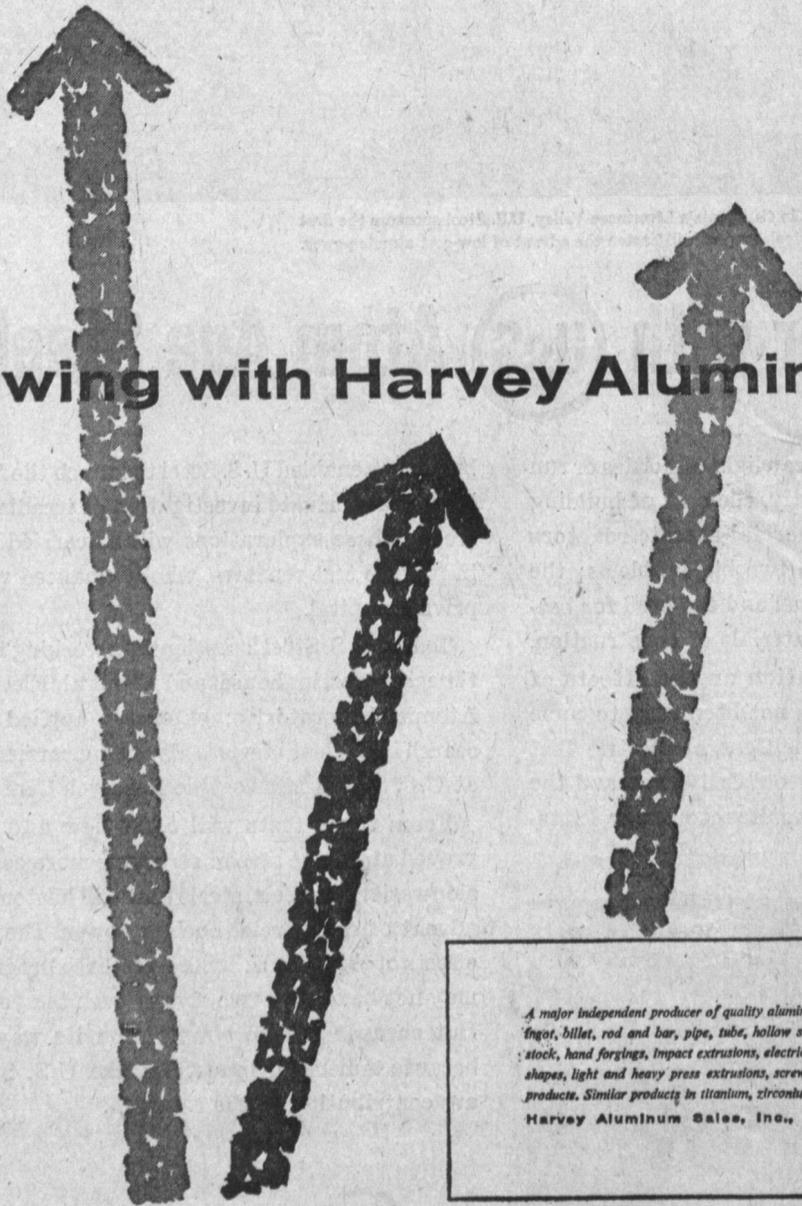
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