

### '60 Cycle Opener at Ascot Friday

The 1960 motorcycle racing opener tomorrow evening at Ascot Stadium will take on all the flavor of a National meet as several standouts invade from other parts of the country.

Managing Director J. C. Agajanian reports he has entries from such stars as Everett Brahear and Bud Mays of Texas, Tom Cates of Indiana and Dick Mann and Dick Dorresteyn of Northern California.

## R. C. Mahon, Kentile Executives Receive Keys to City at Chamber Breakfast Meet

Keys to the city were presented by Mayor Isen this week to Walter G. Mitchell, executive vice president of the R. C. Mahon Co., and Austin A. Zimmer, plant manager of Kentile.

The event was the Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast Tuesday at the Masonic hall.

Zimmer gave a brief history of Kentile and discussed the products manufactured by the firm, whose Torrance plant is expected to be completed shortly.

He said the facility ultimately will employ about 125 persons on a 24-hour, five-day basis. As for production, he said he could only guess, but the Chicago plant in 10 years has manufactured enough 9 x 9 tiles to stretch to the moon and back.

The firm makes asphalt, rubber, and cork floor and wall tiling. Mitchell brought the gathering

## GUEST TURNS ISEN FLUB INTO GASSER

Mayor Isen Tuesday morning introduced Georg Babbe, new manager of the Southern California Gas Co. southwest division, at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

The Mayor did a great job of it, telling the audience the guest is with the Edison Co. "Quite all right," responded Babbe. "I wish to take this opportunity to announce that the gas company is about to come out with a brand-new, all-gas PA system."

up to date on the Mahon firm, describing its expansion from a hole-in-the-wall beginning to its present stature as a world leader in fabrication of huge structures, from buildings to bridges. Fred Brunner of U.S. Steel, co-chairman of the meeting, said the chamber's Business Education Day film has made such a hit with the national chamber

that the latter body is ordering 11 prints, which will carry the message of Torrance throughout the nation.

Dr. John L. Bourne Jr. conducted the remainder of the meeting and introduced principal speakers.

Invocation and benediction were given by the Rev. Peter Lee of First Methodist Church.

## Chamber Banquet

(Continued from Page One) dered 11 prints of the film and will promote it nationally. Chamber officials pointed out that Torrance will receive more publicity from this project than any other in its history.

Harry Lints, district manager of the national chamber, received an appreciation plaque from Chamber President J. H. Paget for his guidance and support of the local booster group for the past four years.

Also present at the function was Ron Bailey, division manager of the national chamber.

James Becker is general chairman and master of ceremonies at the banquet, which was attended by more than 500 persons. His committee comprised William Belding, Sy Frank, Dick Pyle, and Jack Phillips.

James Mussatti, general manager of the state chamber of Commerce, spoke on the importance of businessmen taking an active part in politics and community life.

Mussatti, president of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives was introduced by Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald.

Mayor Albert Isen presented

the official key to the city to Mussatti.

Burton W. Chace, county supervisor, praised the Torrance chamber for its community leadership.

Local service-club presidents received community recognition awards from Paget and Fred W. Mill, immediate past president.

Those receiving Awards were Thalia S. Boulter, Junior Woman's Club; Robert W. Morris, Junior Chamber of Commerce; Mildred Mitchell, Pilot Club; Glenn Koger, Rotary Club; Douglas H. Trowbridge, South Torrance Lions; William F. Hull, Ph.D., Kiwanis of Waveria; Robert W. Barrett, D.D.S., Lions Club; William A. Davies, M.D., Optimist Club; Mrs. John W. Thuss, Women's Club; Dan McLayne, North Torrance Lions; Joe Jeffers, Kiwanis of El Camino; Henry M. West, Civitan Club; Fred Korcheny, Exchange Club; B. I. Johnson, Kiwanis; and Maxine Hahn, BPW.

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OBSTACLE COURSE—Roy Stine, student at Carl Steele School, practices for Barnum and Bailey on unicycle at bicycle rodeo sponsored recently by Student Council and PTA.

## Banner Year Due for City in Building

That Torrance will set a banner year in 1960 for building activity and city progress can be gleaned by the January permits.

Led by single dwellings' valuation of \$3,145,050 for 219 single structures, total valuation for the month was \$5,759,911, which exceeded any month in 1959.

The year 1959 also topped the boom year of 1958 which had a total valuation of \$29,907,959 against \$22,875,433 for 1958. Year 1958 in turn showed an increase over 1957 by \$2,000,000.

Last year saw single dwellings leading other construction with 358 for a total valuation of \$9,658,381. Industrial was second \$6,302,215 valuation while multiple dwellings were third with a valuation of \$4,941,125.

August was the best month in 1959 with a total valuation of \$4,491,164. Single dwellings of 117 topped industrial with a \$1,692,375 valuation while the latter was not far behind with \$1,248,300 for six buildings. Biggest month in multiple dwellings for the year also was in August with \$757,000 calling for 102 dwellings.

Month-to-month report is as follows:

January's valuation showed \$591,941 with 20 single and two duplex dwellings erected and three permits issued for commercial structures. There were 40 permits for additions, alterations, and repairs to dwellings, for a valuation of \$86,010.

February went over the million mark with a valuation of \$1,609,231 which included construction of 48 single dwellings, 84 multiple dwellings, one commercial building, and one industrial structure.

In March, 103 single dwellings, 115 multiple dwellings, eight commercial buildings and three industrial structures were included the total valuation of \$2,738,421.

April's building valuation was \$2,556,460, which included 117 single dwellings, 36 multiple dwellings, and two industrial buildings.

May was a big month with \$3,264,600 valuation. There were 76 single and 34 multiple dwellings besides three industrial and 12 commercial buildings erected.

June went \$1,000,000 valuation better with \$4,199,800. Included were 111 single and 71 multiple dwellings, 13 commercial, and eight industrial structures.

July hit \$2,796,990. Construction included 29 single and 85 multiple dwellings, 14 commercial and five industrial buildings.

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## Council Candidates to Answer Questions for Hollywood Riviera Home Owners' Unit

All City Council candidates have accepted invitations to appear at a meeting sponsored by the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners' Association Monday at 8 p.m. in Riviera School.

The candidates have received a list of questions that will be asked and the home owners' group will provide space for distribution of campaign literature.

Order of the speakers' appearance on the program will be decided by drawing names.

Each candidate will have two minutes for an introduction and to outline his platform. After all have been introduced, each will be given four minutes to discuss two subjects from the list of questions, plus three minutes to answer questions from the floor.

A general question period has been scheduled for the end of the meeting.

Questions sent to the candidates are:

**LOCAL**  
1. In all three sewer districts in Hollywood Riviera the home owners voted that each home be assessed equally on the basis that each benefits equally. Do you think this is proper?

2. Do you favor a high priority for paving Palos Verdes Blvd.? Why?

3. Would you favor meeting with Palos Verdes City Councilmen to discuss the barricade situation between Palos Verdes and Torrance?

**POLICY**

1. The city is considering more buildings in the Civic Center. What method do you favor for paying for these or other capital improvements: bonds, lease-purchase, or pay-as-you-go?

2. What are your views on rezoning "M" land to residential?

3. How do you feel members of the city commissions should be appointed?

## Torrance Man Elevated by AiResearch Unit

Hubert L. Minor, 4808 Laurette St. has been named senior security representative for the Garrett Corporation's AiResearch Manufacturing Division of Los Angeles.

Minor, formerly a lead guard on day shift, has been an AiResearch employee since 1951.

His new assignment includes cognizance over documents, files, locks, keys, vaults, facilities and their clearances, package and parcel control.

## Panel of Council Hopefuls Appears Tonight Under Jaycee Sponsorship

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is expecting the Torrance High School auditorium to be packed tonight for appearance of all City Council candidates.

The entire panel of 16 have indicated they will speak. The meeting will start at 7:30.

Each candidate will be permitted time to detail his thinking on civic issues. The talks will be followed by a question period, presided over by a moderator.

The event is open and free to the public.

## News Release

Because of the double safety standards used by Oldsmobile on all its new cars, no driver of a 1960 Oldsmobile will suffer the nerve-wracking experience of having his hood suddenly flip up to block his vision.

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