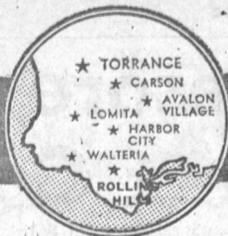


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## Central Storage Highlights Plans of Hickory School

Innovations in school building will be incorporated into the Hickory Avenue Elementary School, under preliminary plans approved Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

Plans drawn by Neptune and Thomas, architects, show ten-sided classroom buildings. Each would have five classrooms arranged around a central, teachers' work and storage area. Another feature would be sliding panels allowing adjustment of classroom size.

These proposals were made by a committee of principals and administrators who studied ideas and construction plans from all parts of the country. They felt this arrangement would be more efficient, while costing no more than more conventional "finger-style" classrooms.

The Hickory facility will contain 10 classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, a multi-purpose building, and an administration unit. Total cost is expected to be about \$450,000. It will serve a new subdivision located southwest of Sepulveda and Crenshaw.

The unusual arrangement of the classrooms is designed to permit more efficient use of storage and teachers' work equipment. Nearly everything needed for instruction—

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## Chief Reports City Vandalism Relatively Low

"Vandalism is an outlet for pent-up energy," Percy G. Bennett, Torrance's chief-of-police said as he commented on the recent school vandalism, "not that these kids are necessarily bad, they will probably grow up to be good citizens."

He said a cause of the mischievousness often times is a lack of something to do. "It is hard to tell why children do such things, maybe if we had more parks and equipment, the problem would cease," he said, adding that the new city plunge is a step in the right direction.

Damage done by children engaged in such practices is very slight in this city, he mentioned, saying that when schools are broken into, sometimes money and equipment is taken, but buildings are never severely damaged.

He made the comparison of vandalism in Los Angeles where desks were torn apart and basements flooded during the destruction process.

"This vandalism is not done as resentment towards schools, it is done as a game, with no revenge involved," he concluded.

When the offenders are caught, a record is kept to enable officers to keep track of second-time vandals.

"As a rule, the majority of offenders aren't repeaters, once caught, they learn their lesson," the chief commented.

This type of offense is naturally hard to control, Bennett stated, but when officers begin investigation, it is usually quite successful.

Once caught, the parents are asked to make restitution for the destruction caused by their children.

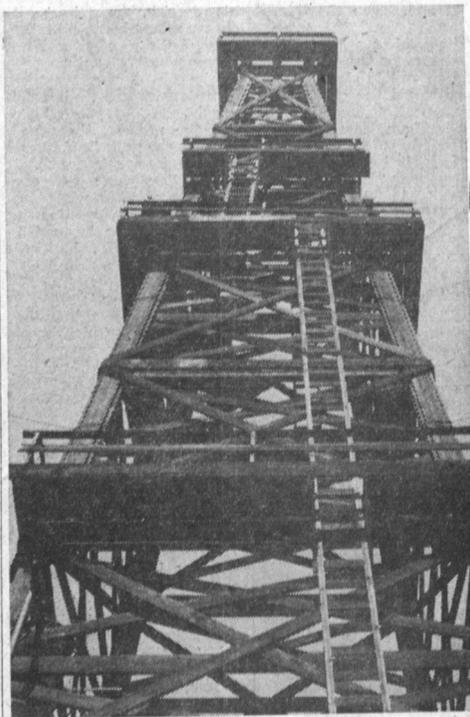
## Sister City Loses Mayor

Revolution has raged through Torrance's sister city in Turkey, it was announced by the Turkish information office in Washington recently. At the advent of the revolt, Sitki Bilgin, former mayor of the city, Konya, and a man who was instrumental in bringing forth the sisterhood, resigned.

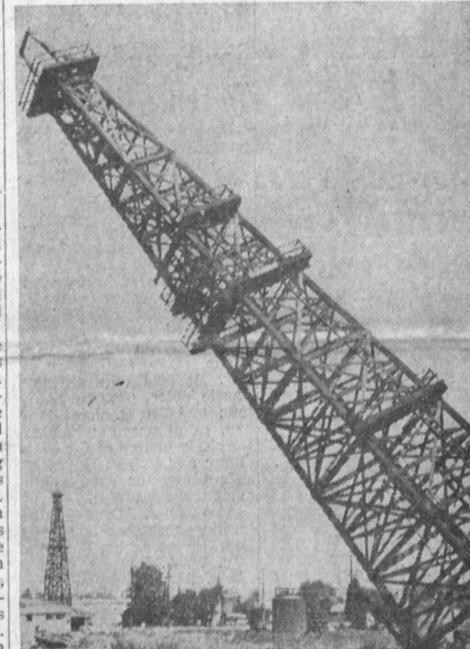
In his place, the Honorable M. Uhlis Babaoglu rules Konya as governor as well as mayor.

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## Village Head Irate; Seeks Other Area

Economic and financial consultant for Golden Age Corp., Carl C. M. Gregory, announced today that he and his group will seek another location for a three million dollar senior citizen's village after Torrance councilman postponed action on construction plans.

Gregory was quoted as saying that Torrance's dilly-dallying necessitated the move. His organization he said, "is going somewhere where there is a kinder feeling for aging persons."

During Tuesday's council meeting it was decided to shelve action on the village for 60 days pending assurance that tax relief would not be sought by Golden Age Corp.

If adopted the proposed village site would have been at Anza Ave. and Del Amo Blvd. It would have accommodated 700 senior citizens over the age of 62 with rates being as low as \$6.85 per week for some apartments.

The apartment village would have included individual apartments, hobby shops, variety stores and executive offices.

## Education Board Postpones Action on Boundaries

Action on school boundaries affecting eight Torrance elementary schools was postponed two weeks by the Board of Education Tuesday night, after hearing protests from groups of parents from two different schools.

A group of parents from the Hillside School area objected to moving the eastern boundary between that school and Walteria School from Tandem Way to Rolling Hills Rd. They asked for permission to allow eighth graders to remain at Hillside next year if the change was made.

The board indicated that the trend of population would cause double sessions at Hillside, while leaving empty classrooms at Walteria.

A group of parents from Carr School were fearful for their children's safety if they were shifted to the new Madison Elementary School. They said that 174th, 171st, and Prairie were busy intersections.

School officials told the parents that the city would be asked to put a crossing guard at the busy intersections and that schools were trying to see if a sidewalk could be built along one side of Prairie.

The board also postponed action on setting up boundaries for the new Towers School and the old Steele and Flavian Schools, although there were no protestations.

# Beasley Stresses Need for Private Collection

## Councilman Tries to Save Money

"Trash and rubbish pick-up has been a traditional city function, however, if by contracting the job to private business we can get it done cheaper, I believe we owe it to the people to do just that," said Councilman J. A. Beasley about the current collection issue.

This issue is extremely controversial and would take from three to six months to solve, he mentioned. "Before I vote on the issue, there will have to be a lot of investigation," Beasley concluded.

"I am rather unhappy with the present situation; I am firmly convinced that it is costing the city far too much to do the job. I would certainly be receptive to any solution which could save the taxpayers money," Beasley stated after mentioning that the city will have to dig another one half million dollar hole shortly or pay one dollar per ton to have trash removed from Torrance.

Costs Increase  
 With the increasing labor costs, along with new equipment needed, dumping land needed which is only good for use as a park after being filled with rubbish, and the raising costs of insurance, he stated that the city costs of collection will continually rise.

Total cost of the collection is one half million per year, with residents paying one dollar monthly and the remainder being taken out of the city's general fund. This amounts to about \$150,000 yearly. "I see no sense in disguising the rubbish costs by taking them out of the general fund," he said.

To keep up with wage standards, the city must pay its employees a minimum. The starting wages for the swapper, one who throws trash onto the truck, is \$380 per month and the starting wages for the garbage truck driver is \$440 per month. Beasley said he sees no reason why the taxpayers should have to pay their collectors such wages when private collectors receive much less.

The councilman mentioned that the local supermarkets are contracting with the private collectors rather than paying the city rates. Besides being expensive, he said, the collections aren't run efficiently.

"My estimation of the cost per unit (household) per month for the city's service is \$2.80. At the last council meeting, I asked for an exact cost breakdown. My main task is to explore every avenue," stated the councilman.

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CAROLE GREER, pretty 23 year old, blue eyed blonde, has just been chosen to serve as "Miss Torrance Paint" representing the Torrance Paint Division of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. Carole is employed as a stenographer in the purchasing department.

She will now compete with entries from 64 divisions of the company for the coveted title of "Miss Pittsburgh Plate of 1960" in the national beauty contest conducted annually by the company. Final judging takes place in September.

## Doss, Hyde Elected to Chamber's Board

Two incumbents and two new faces were elected to the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today by Manager Dick Fitzgerald.

Fred W. Mill, division controller and assistant secretary, the National Supply Company; and A. E. Thompson, manager, Torrance Refinery, Mobil Oil Company; both past presidents, were elected, and Joe M. Doss, owner, Food King Market; and Donald Hyde, director of industrial relations, Columbia-Geneva Division, U.S.

Steele, were elected for the first time to the board.

Fitzgerald said that the 13-man race was the closest in the 32 year history of the Chamber and only a few votes separated the top four from the other candidates. Doss has held the position of chairman of the Aviation Committee and general chairman of the "Powder Puff Derby." Last year, he was winner of the President's Award as Best Committee of 1959. Also, he is a member of the City Airport Commission and the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

Rotary Club member Don Hyde has served as chairman

of The Chamber's Industrial Committee.

Past President of the Chamber Mill is now holding the president's position for the Torrance Industries Tax Committee. He has been director of the Chamber for five years and is past president of the National Association of Accountants Institute. This Rotarian is also Past Governor of Toastmaster International.

Thompson, graduate of the economic understanding course, is another past president of the Chamber. This Rotarian has been Chamber of Commerce director for five and a half years.

## Powder Puff Derby to Draw Contestants from Many States

Entry number 62 in the 14th annual running of the all-women Transcontinental Air Race, more popularly known as the "Powder Puff Derby," is Captain Mary A. Armstrong, chief, food service, from the United States Army Hospital at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Capt. Armstrong, along with more than 150 of the nation's top women pilots, will take off from the Torrance Municipal Airport July 9. To be eligible for awards, the contestants must cross the finish line at New Castle County Airport, Wilmington, Delaware, by noon July 13. The derby will cover a total distance of 2509.13 miles.

The race will be flown during daylight hours only and under FAA visual flight rules. It is a race for stock airplanes of not less than 85 horsepower nor more than 350 horsepower. Capt. Armstrong will be flying a 160 horsepower piper PA-22 "Tri-Pager," which has an average

crusing speed of 125 miles per hour.

The "Powder Puff Derby" is a race in which planes are handicapped in accordance with performance, range, speed, etc. Scores are computed on the basis of elapsed time. A purse of \$2,500 will go to the five top winners, with the pilots and co-pilots each receiving trophies as well.

Additional awards will be given for the best scores made by each class of airplane, for the best scores on each leg of the race, and for other special categories. Communications for this 14th running of the derby will be provided by a coast-to-coast amateur radio network. This network will be in operation from the start of the race until all planes have crossed the finish line.

Capt. Armstrong has been flying for about two and a half years, however, this will be her first venture in the derby.



ENTRY FROM AFAR—Captain Mary A. Armstrong from the United States Army Hospital in Arizona stands by her plane as she

anticipates participation in Torrance's Powder Puff Derby.

## Youth Breaks Into Felker Garage

A young man was brought to justice Thursday after breaking into a Felker garage at 18800 Prairie and confiscating tools at 1:57 a.m. The boy's stepfather brought him to Felker to ad-

mit the crime. Charges were dropped by the garage owner.

Several other boys were also involved, but were unidentified by Felker.