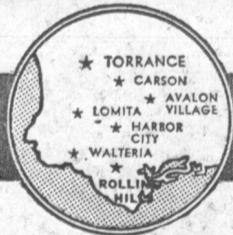


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BOY AND BASEBALL PLAYER—It is a heart-wrenching moment for a family when a youngster's leg is amputated and doubly so when the family is pinched to pay for medical bills. Young Rollin "Hook" Reser, 15, 1630 254th St., Harbor City, manages a smile as he is surprised with a visit from former Dodger outfielder Carl Furillo. Furillo presented "Hook" with a baseball autographed by all the Dodgers. The boy's father, Ralph Reser, is an employee of Mayflower Trailer factory, Torrance. —Press Photo

City Adds to Civic Center

City Reaches New High in Valuation

Torrance's assessed valuation jumped \$20,514,000 in the last fiscal year, a Chamber of Commerce report announced today, bringing the City to a new high of \$215,100,000.

Torrance maintained its eighth place ranking in assessed valuation among Los Angeles County cities, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce announced today.

Changes in the "top ten" positions were the drop of Burbank from third to fourth position, being replaced by Pasadena, El Segundo's disappearance from the select list, and the newly incorporated City of Commerce ranking in tenth position.

Los Angeles continues to lead cities in the County, followed by Long Beach, Pasadena, Burbank, Vernon, Glendale, Santa Monica, Torrance, Beverly Hills, and Commerce. El Segundo is in twelfth position with \$133,081,000 and Inglewood fourteenth, with \$120,726,000.

Assessed valuation of other cities in this area are: Redondo Beach, \$98,813,800; Hawthorne, \$61,516,000; Gardena, \$52,522,000; Manhattan Beach, \$41,391,000; Palos Verdes Estates, \$26,316,000; Hermosa Beach, \$26,026,000; Rolling Hills Estates, \$8,168,000; and Rolling Hills, \$7,564,000.

State's Hiway Signs Delay Burns Council

If the men who run the State Division of Highways were listening this week, their ears undoubtedly were burning.

Ripping into the District Engineer, A. L. Himelhoch, Mayor Albert Isen labeled the department's delay in erecting signs on the freeways leading to Torrance, as "the most stupid case of bureaucracy I have ever seen."

Councilman Willys Blount echoed the councilmen's feelings, declaring "unincorporated cities get more play than we get."

Torrance has repeatedly asked the State Division of Highways to erect sufficient signs on the Harbor and the San Diego Freeway leading motorists to the city, the Mayor declared.

"All we get are promises," Himelhoch's correspondence to the city manager recently, brought before the council, said "due to the large number of communities in this area, it has been found necessary to limit signing on the freeways to the one best and most direct route to the center of the city."

"This is preposterous," the Mayor fumed. "Free way signs in Hollywood read, 'the next six exits.' There is no time given in Himelhoch's letter, no why, how or what."

NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING WILL RISE BEHIND CITY HALL

Torrance, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, looked forward to additional civic expansion this week, as bids were opened for construction of a new public works building and enlarging of the present west side of the city hall.

Completed six weeks ago by the architectural firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Krupp and Wright of Long Beach, plans and specifications were submitted to the city council and approved by a unanimous vote.

Births Expand City's Census

Torrance census expanded this week with the birth of three boy babies and two girl babies.

Reported in at the Torrance Memorial Hospital were the following infants born this week:

Peggy Jan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wright, 203 W. 225 St.; Ann Regina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. McClain, 1230 Amapola Ave.; Brian Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tymchak, 18534 Illinois Court; Dale Allen Caprio, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Caprio Sr., 1530 W. 205 St.; and George Miles Edmunda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Edmunda, 16808 Elgar Ave.

The new public works building, to be erected directly behind the city hall, will be a 40x100 two-story building, according to George Stevens, city manager. In keeping with the present modern decor of the city hall, the new structure will be of brick and stone and large expanses of glass.

The lower story of the new public works building will house administration, Stevens said, with the upper story assigned to traffic and other engineering functions.

Remodeling of the west end of the city hall, which was erected three years ago, will not disrupt continuous service on the part of the city hall staff, Stevens assured.

The new west end expansion will eventually house

all the building inspectors working in Torrance, as well as the public works director and his staff.

Construction will start before the end of October, Stevens declared. First expansion to get underway will be the new public works building, he said. Total cost of construction is estimated around \$200,000, Stevens stated.

The apparent low bidder was the Coastate Builders of Long Beach, with a bid of \$222,823. Ten bids were received, ranging from a high of \$249,974 to the lower offer.

Lauding fellow council members for their "vision and cooperation" in civic expansion, Mayor Albert Isen declared "the city is expanding as fast as it can to keep up with civic demands."

Torrance Slated to Develop Own YWCA Program Here

The board of directors of the YWCA Harbor Area has voted to release Torrance to develop its own Association, Dr. Frances Clark, president of the board announced today.

"After careful study and consideration, the board voted to accede to the request of

the Torrance group to be released. The board will stand by to advise and consult upon request," Dr. Clark stated.

"This action will facilitate the efforts of members of the Torrance community to seek affiliation with the National YWCA and to make it possible for them to assume final responsibilities in completing requirements for affiliation presented by Evelyn Nossel, National Field Staff, in a July visit," Mrs. Elsa J. Morris, executive director of the Harbor Area YWCA said.

"These requirements," she explained, "are: 1. a membership of 200 to 300 with at least one third electors; 2. a committee group of volunteers, approximately 100, with a board of 20-30 from 50-75 committee members and program volunteers; 3. functional active committees, both administrative and program; 4. an ongoing varied program: teenage, youth adult, and general members; and 5. assurance of continued financial support. Only the National Board of the YWCA can determine the readiness to become pre-affiliate," she added.

In reviewing YW activities in this area Mrs. Morris said, "Interest in YWCA work in the city of Torrance dates to 1946 when the Torrance Welfare Commission asked the YW to come to Torrance to establish a program for young women in industry."

As a result the first staff was assigned to Torrance in

Palos Verdes Hills, Once Barren, to Get Vast Exposition

Palos Verdes Hills, the area which once harbored snakes and jackrabbits, will be the site of a huge international scientific and cultural exposition it was disclosed this week by Los Angeles recreation leaders.

The county recently acquired 128 acres in the area at a cost of \$1,018,363 for future development as a historical park, a contrast with usual type of recreation facility.

A focal point will be a

proposed series of buildings where nations and religions could set up exhibits depicting their cultural and scientific achievements over the years.

Individual groups probably will be asked to help finance and maintain the exhibits. They are now being contacted by Norman S. Johnson, Los Angeles director of parks and recreation, for their views and reactions to the proposed plans.

Annual Y-Day Offers Roles to Local Boys

The 28th annual Y-Day in the Hollywood Bowl, slated Oct. 15, largest event in the world of its type, will attract scores of Torrance YMCA members, Doug Cannon, Y secretary, announced today.

With a number of amateur performers presenting acts throughout the day at the event, there are still possibilities for tryouts, Cannon declared.

Musicians, singers, dance acts either individual or groups, may obtain entry blanks through the local YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave., FA 8-1272. Deadline for submitting entries is Sept. 28, with tryouts scheduled in the Bowl Oct. 8.

YMCA representatives will come from the western states and Hawaii to attend the all-day jamboree, Cannon said. In the afternoon, the group has reserved seats for the USC-California football game at the Coliseum.

More than 150,000 youngsters and adults have participated in the Y-Day festivities in its 28 year history, Cannon stated. There are 2000 members affiliated with the Y in the Torrance area.

Applicants for tryouts to perform at the annual event must be under 18 years and a member of the Y, or have parents who have contributed to the YMCA.

New Area Medical Center Plans Set

Final drawings for the Palos Verdes Medical Center, to be situated on Deep Valley Drive in the multi-million dollar Peninsula Center, have been completed and construction is scheduled to begin next month, John R. Cain, development and construction manager, announced today.

Planned to expand to 40,000 square feet on the two-acre site, the first phase of the project will consist of 20,000 square feet and will represent a total investment of \$700,000.

In addition to the air-conditioned, sound-controlled suites for specialists in all fields, the Center will include complete radiological services, a clinical and x-ray laboratory and a prescription pharmacy. Other conveniences are an elevator and ample off-the-street parking gained by means of a two-level parking deck at the rear.



DELIVER, BOYS—When Torrance Police Captain John Maestri calls his men together and says "deliver," his force not only takes him seriously—they perform. Evidence of this was shown this week as bachelor Officer Charles Oates served as midwife, bringing 6-lb. 4-oz. daughter, born to Mrs. Alberta Abdon, into the world. Baby, born in auto near local station, was Oates' sixth delivery. Here Maestri presents Oates with the badge of merit—a diaper.

Lodge to Address Giant Rally in Area September 30

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge will speak Friday, Sept. 30, during a giant 17th Congressional District Republican open meeting at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro, it was announced today.

The open meeting starting at 10 a.m., will be held on the grounds of the hotel to accommodate the large crowd expected to turn out to hear Ambassador Lodge, according to Mrs. Manley L. Hatland, 18 Crest Road, East Rolling Hills.

Mrs. Hatland is president of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Club of Federated Republican Women, responsible for inviting Lodge to appear before voters in the 17th Congressional District.

The 17th Congressional District of California, one of the largest in the nation, includes Torrance, Westchester, the Beach cities, Inglewood, Wilmington, San Pedro, Palos Verdes, Lennox, El Segundo and Playa Del Rey areas.



HENRY CABOT LODGE
In charge of the two-hour rally honoring the Republican vice presidential nominee will be co-chairmen Mrs. Jack Drown, 1 Crest Road West, Rolling Hills, and Charles Soderstrom, 1553 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro, chairman of the 17th Congressional District Republican Committee.

Too Many Children, Not Enough Cash, Says Boswell

The financial picture of the Torrance Board of Education is basically a problem of too many children for the number of dollars we have to operate school with, William C. Boswell, school board president, declared today.

Torrance voters will be asked for a 50 cent school tax override Oct. 11.

Torrance in 1959-60 had 25,981 children; an assessed valuation of \$194,376,320; a total operating budget of \$10,346,002 with a net ending balance of \$658,000, which is 6 per cent with which to operate the schools during the summer and until the next year's tax funds come in in the fall, according to Boswell.

Glendale, which in 1959-60 had 21,226 children with an assessed valuation of \$233,226,590, came up with a total budget of \$9,016,310 and a net ending balance of \$1,032,421 for a reserve of 11.45 per cent, Boswell stated.

"Burbank in 1959-60 had 17,394 children in school; an assessed valuation of \$277,136,240; a total expense budget of \$7,767,879; and a net ending balance of \$1,834,373. This leaves Burbank with a 23.61 per cent carry-over with which to operate schools during the summer months and until the next tax funds come in.

"Los Angeles with 514,317 children to educate and an assessed valuation of \$5,484,307,150 has a total operating

expense budget of \$224,165,080 with a net ending balance of \$15,903,790 or 7.09 per cent.

"Montebello with 19,750 pupils has an assessed valuation of \$324,100,820. The total expense budget for operating costs was \$9,307,294 with a carry-over balance of \$1,812,145 for a total of 19.47 per cent of her budget to operate during the summer and until the next tax funds come in.

"Pasadena with 27,629 children in grades kindergarten through twelve has an assessed valuation of \$380,216,190. The total operating budget is \$14,495,934 leaving a net ending balance of \$2,278,493. This gives a net ending balance of 15.72 per cent to operate the schools during the summer and until the next tax money comes in in the fall," Boswell said.

Senator Richards to Tell Chamber of Water Needs

State Senator Richard Richards will relate to members and guests of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce the seriousness of California's Water Problem at the monthly breakfast meeting of the booster group, Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Masonic Lodge.

Co-chairmen John Wallace and Irene Baker said the Chamber believes that Proposition 1 on the Nov. 8 ballot is the most important issue ever to face the voters of California.

President R. S. Pyle declared "If this proposition doesn't pass, it means a serious setback in the development plans of Southern California."



TIME FOR ROMANCE—Life begins at any age, in the teens or in the seventies, says the former Mrs. Winnie Runyan, who gets a kiss here from her new husband, Harry Robison, 77. The couple, married Sept. 18, will be on the "It Could Happen to You" TV program tomorrow, honeymoon in Palm Springs and set up housekeeping at 1208 West 166th St. Robison is retired railroad telegrapher from Illinois. Bride wore blue lace, and grandsons ushered.

Free Polio Shots Offered Citizens

Free polio shots will be given at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 2314 W. Del Amo, Torrance on Wednesday, Sept. 28 and Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7 to 9 p.m.

The clinic is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Medical Society and the Los Angeles County Health Department.