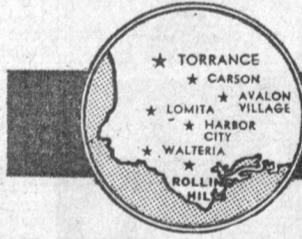


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Board Slashes \$135,000 From Budget in Preliminary Study



HANDS OVER KEYS—John Masse, manager of the newly formed Torrance-Lomita Yellow Cab Co., is shown accepting the keys for four new Chevrolet taxicabs from Marty Jacobs, general manager of Paul's Chevrolet,

1640 Cabrillo. Modernization plans of the recently acquired Yellow Cab Co., which will provide service to the entire Torrance area, included the purchase of the new fleet of taxis.

CALL FOR BIDS . . .

Okay Plans for \$816,000 Storm Drain Construction

Top county officials this week announced approval of plans and specifications for the \$816,000 East Torrance storm drain and called for bids to be submitted on the project.

Bids for the project will be opened on August 4, with formal award of contract expected about 10 days later.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said plans prepared under the direction of Torrance City Engineer Walter M. Nollac call for construction of two drainage lines. One begins in Del Amo Blvd., east of Arlington Ave., and runs north and west on Arlington to 190th St., west on 190th St. to Crenshaw and northeast on Cren-

shaw to 188th St. The other begins at an existing drain west of Western Ave. and south of Torrance Blvd. and spans Torrance for about 150 feet to an earth channel.

Construction involves about a mile and a half. Completion of work is slated in about 11 months.

Project will be paid from the \$225,000,000 storm drain bond issue which voters okayed in 1958.

Council Approves Waveria Lake Building Permits

An appeal by builder Don Wilson that he be issued building permits for a proposed tract in the Waveria Lake area received the nod of the Torrance City Council last night.

An ordinance, which would approve the building of the homes in the tract was passed by the council on June 21, but would not become effective until six weeks from that date.

Noting that a further delay would cause a definite hardship and change of construction plans, Wilson asked the council for a waiver of the balance of the period.

Americanism Award Given to Press by Legion

The Torrance Press was the recipient of a special Americanism award, presented Friday evening by the local American Legion post during annual installation ceremonies.

Installed as commander of the Torrance post was Earle Sumpter, while Newton Mathis was seated as first vice commander, and Bob Geary as second vice commander.

Following the ceremonies, members and guests attended a dance held in honor of the new officers.

Plan More Economies By Aug. 7 Deadline

Members of the Torrance school board last night adopted the 1961-62 publication budget . . . but not before making revisions that will save an estimated \$135,000 to \$150,000.

More areas of cost slashing will be sought before approval of the final budget August 7.

Preliminary estimates of the budget had indicated that revenue to the district would be about \$12,757,000 while expenditures would run in the neighborhood of \$12,303,566.

Preliminary revisions will drop this unofficial tally to \$12,168,616. An undistributed \$875,000 will also be held.

Cuts effecting the economies included \$60,000 from the educational materials building in non-essential audio-visual equipment, with the balance slashed from staff salaries, miscellaneous economies and general "belt-tightening."

EXPENSE CUTS
Demands of three new members of the board, who had run for the office on platforms stressing economy in the district, had brought hope for drastic cuts in expenses.

A committee of five prominent Torrance businessmen, reactivated as one of the initial actions of the new board, have studied the school budget and have

made recommendations regarding areas where needed slashes may be applied without curtailing the educational standards of the district.

Members of this committee made individual reports at last night's budget hearing.

Board members indicated that further economies and an element of efficiency introduced into the district will reduce the overall expense to the taxpayers by as much as 10 percent.

Suggestions advanced thus far include the eventual thinning of some non-educational services that the district has taken over, and more efficient operation of school transportation.

POPULATION BOOM . . .

Chamber of Commerce Members to Discuss Community Planning at Tuesday's Meeting



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Regular July membership meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday morning with a program dedicated to constructive planning within the city.

Hosts of the session, which will be held at the International House of Pancakes, 21710 Hawthorne Blvd., will be Verne Hughes, manager of the Torrance branch of the Bank of America, and Bill Richardson, manager of Marina Federal Savings and Loan.

Ted Adsit, of Quinton Engineers, will be guest speaker and will discuss the need for comprehensive planning.

Noting that Torrance has increased in population 354 percent within the past 10 year and that there are approximately 2111 acres of undeveloped land left within the 20.5 square miles of the city, guest speakers will discuss proper usage of the land and the planning involved in this use.

FIRST OF SERIES . . .

Press Correspondent Tours Russ Exhibit in Britain

This is the first of a series of articles by Ross A. Sciarrotta, local educator and authority on world affairs on tour in Europe. Sciarrotta will tour majority of countries in Europe interviewing world figures and representatives of all classes in each country he visits. Reports on these interviews will be published exclusively in the Press.

THE RUSSIAN EXHIBITION IN LONDON

The English are more complacent than we Americans concerning the Red menace. They are enjoying one of the greatest prosperities in their history. Unemployment is a scarce item. As a matter of fact, the English are importing many foreigners from less fortunate countries to work as waitresses, bus boys, maids and in the less desirable jobs. The English do not want to accept these low paid jobs, yet they do resent the influx of foreigners in their country.

Here, in England, people are more concerned with their jobs, their economy and their social activities than they are about Russia. More people own automobiles and, soon, they will have road problems. The roads they now have cannot handle the heavy traffic, especially around the larger cities.

The Russians have just opened up their Industrial Exhibition. People by the thousands are pouring in to see what the Soviets have to offer. Some react with amazement at what they see . . . others do not believe the U.S.S.R. statistics.

"PEACE"

At the entrance these words are found, "Above All We Treasure Peace." Nearby, a large photo of MacMillan and Mr. K talking jollily, gives the impression that all



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is well, The Soviets boast that "The Soviet Union of Socialist Republics is made up of socialist states of workers and peasants." They also claim that "the U.S.S.R. is steadily extending its international economic relations

Council Advocates Radar for Truckers

Torrance City Councilmen Tuesday night heard a report from Assistant Chief of Police M. H. Porter affirming that the contractor handling the earth moving program along Madison, Newton and Hawthorne is complying with restrictions set up by the council.

Councilmen agreed with Mayor Albert Isen, who noted that there has been a marked improvement in the driving manners of private truckers hauling the fill to freeway sites, although most noted that there were still many violations of common safety practices.

Councilman Nickolas Dralle advocated the immediate use of radar units to determine which drivers were speeding. Police officers had noted that the truckers warned each other of patrol cars with blinking lights as a signal. Dralle also suggested that the

CHP be alerted to possible traffic violations by the drivers.

Councilman J. A. Beasley reported that he had been chased at speeds of 45 mph and up through areas zoned for much lower speeds by one of the trucks. He advocated that police officers stop the trucks whenever they were noted in a violation and give them a thorough brake check-up. He felt that many of the truckers were riding the edge of the law 90 percent of the time.

Gubernatorial Candidate Will Be Guest of Area Young Republicans

Assembly man Joseph C. Shell, conservative minority leader of the California legislature, will speak to the South Bay Young Republicans at their July 26 meeting at the Fish Shanty.

The well-known lawmaker will review the last session of the legislature, highlighting such controversial issues as reapportionment and the budget.

Shell was selected to the Assembly in 1953, filling the vacancy left by Laughlin Waters' appointment as U.S. Attorney for the area. He has been reelected to the Assembly four consecutive times. At the present time he is minority floor leader of the California legislature and a possible candidate for governor in 1962.

The son of a retired superior court judge, Shell is in the oil production, oil well servicing business and lives in Los Angeles with his wife and five children. During WW II he served as a naval pilot and is now a member of the Military Order of World Wars and the American Legion.

Meeting is open to the public and is preceded by a host social hour starting at 7 p.m.



IN OPERATION—Garrett's new AiResearch facility in Torrance, at 190th and Crenshaw Blvd., is now completed and fully-manned. Nearly 800 employees have been transferred into the 235,000 square foot edifice. AiResearch's central air

data systems are produced here for such jet aircraft as the Lockheed F-104, McDonnell F4H and the North American A3J. This building is the first of a multi-million dollar complex Garrett plans to erect on the 65 acre site.

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