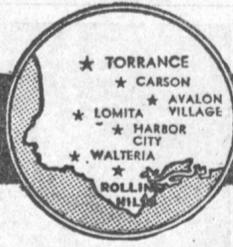


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AIRCRAFT OWNER PLANS CITY SUIT

Investigation Demanded by Angry Pilot

Owner of an airplane, destroyed by fire 10 days ago at the municipal airport, appeared before the city council last night to demand an investigation of the incident. He was effectively muzzled by the chair despite efforts by Councilmen Willys Blount, a member of the Air-

port Commission, and Nicolas Drale to air the issue. John S. Trier of Manhattan Beach, who kept his Cessna five-place aircraft moored at the local port, reported that a small carburetor fire ran wild after fire fighting equipment sent to the scene turned out to be inadequate.

Regular fire truck, normally in service at the airport, was laid up for repairs, officials reported. When the fire was reported a nearby truck was hastily commandeered and sent to take care of the blaze.

When the truck arrived it was discovered that the vehicle contained only a small CO-2 bomb, entirely inadequate to put out the blaze. By the time fire equipment arrived from the WALTERIA station the aircraft was almost totally destroyed. Trier estimated the damage to the craft at approximately \$9,000, although airport officials said that the plane was a vintage model which could be replaced for about \$6,000.

Mayor Albert Isen ruled (Continued on Page 8A)

HATS IN RING ...

Eva Bisou, C. Deck Start Campaigns

Mrs. Eva I. Bisou, chairman of the Southwest Park Civic Association's Youth Activities Committee, yesterday became the first candidate to announce her intention of running for a city council post.

Wife of Louis Bisou, the couple make their home at 4914 Hallson St. They are the parents of three children, Robert, 18, Aglaee, 16, and Louis Jr., 15. Eldest son is a graduate of North High, and the two younger members of the family still attend classes at the same school.

Named as Torrance Woman of the Year in 1960 in a city-wide competition sponsored by the Torrance Press, Mrs. Bisou gained the title for her outstanding leadership in PTA and civic activities. She served as a member of the Civic Center Development Committee, is presently a member of the Traffic Safety Council and is a past president of the Southwest Park Homeowners Association.

In a second announcement, Charles Deck, president of the Torrance Property Owners Association, reported that he would become a candidate for the post of city clerk in the April elections. Deck is a



MRS. EVA BISOU
... Council Race

former deputy county clerk. Both Deck and Mrs. Bisou are expected to file nominating papers at Torrance City Hall tomorrow.

Local Engineer Named to Key Torrance Post

Orin Johnson, 46, of 4016 W. 165th St., Lawndale, was named as senior administrative assistant by City Manager Wade Peebles last night.

Johnson will take over the post vacated by John Bramhall early this month. An industrial engineer, Johnson formerly was associated with Horkey-Moore and Houston-Fearless companies in Torrance.

Originally from Arkansas, Johnson moved to Texas with his family when still in his teens.



SHOTS SHATTER—Torrance police officers were called out in a hurry when storm drain duct near 166th St. and Crenshaw blocked Monday afternoon and backwash started to flood into the nearby residential areas. Unable to clear the obstruction by hand, workmen gladly turned the matter over to officers. A volley of well-placed automatic rifle slugs was fired up the drain, loosening the obstruction, and the water pressure washed it free.



SNOW SCENE — Hilly areas surrounding Torrance were coated with snow and ice Monday following the first such snowfall since Jan. 11, 1949. Unwary motorists who traveled to Rolling Hills, scene of the deepest drifts, found themselves slipping and sliding on the ice-covered roads. Above, Rolling Hills firehouse, roof white with snow, was in the center of the snowed-in area. Right, Mrs. Edward Worth of 4 Cinchring Lane, donned snow clothes and promoted a snowball fight with the Torrance Press photog.



NO APARTMENTS ...

Council Denies Rezone On 230th Street Tract

Torrance city councilmen, faced with the possibility of another referendum petition, last night made an "about face" and turned down a request to change a South Torrance tract from A-1 to R-3 usage.

Denial of the zone change, which would have allowed the building of "luxury apartments" on the parcel, located on 230th St., between Hawthorne and Madison, opposed the recommendation of approval voted by the planning commission.

Roy Seidler, 3602 W. 227th St., told councilmen that if the issue were passed that he would immediately circulate petitions asking for a referendum. He stated that the area in which he lives is "afraid of establishing a precedent in allowing the construction of R-1 buildings in a tract which is already filled with single family homes."

George Kurtz, attorney representing builders Frank Torino and Cecil Heffner, stated that the property,

when developed would bring about \$120 per year per unit in taxes but was promptly challenged by Councilman Willys Blount, who had opposed the change of zone since earlier hearings.

"Of that \$120 less than \$20 per year would come to the city. The balance would go to the county and to the school district," he said.

Ironically, Kurtz had led a recent drive to secure petition signatures to call for a referendum on the ill-fated Marble Estates rezoning issue. Attempts to persuade the council to rezone the 230th St. tract were faced with a similar promise of a referendum ballot.

Plan New Bank Facility for Torrance

The South Bay area will soon have a new and independent State bank, "locally managed and established to serve local interests," it was announced yesterday by Henry C. Griswold, well known land developer and long-time resident of the district, who is chairman of the bank's Board of Directors.

To be known as Guaranty Bank, the newly chartered institution will be situated on Hawthorne Blvd. just north of the new Del Amo Shopping Center in the City of Torrance.

Serving with Griswold on the board of directors are D. P. Loomis, prominent Southern California independent banker who will be president of Guaranty Bank; Theodore E. Cummings, president of Food Giant Markets; John F. Grube, M.D., attending physician on the staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital, Little Company of Mary Hospital, South Bay Hospital and Riviera Community Hospital; James M. Hall, attorney, former city attorney of Torrance; J. R. Higgins, Jr., vice president and general manager of Higgins Brick & Tile Co. of Torrance; George W. Schneider, realty broker, member of the budget committee of the Los Angeles area Community Chest, and president of the advisory board of the Little Company of Mary Hospital; E. J. Sorensen, real estate broker, director of the WALTERIA Businessmen's Association and area director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce;

and John A. Wilson, Jr. M.D., senior attending physician on the staff of Harbor General Hospital.

INTERIM QUARTERS

Guaranty Bank will open its doors for business in interim quarters soon to be constructed on the property just south of the intersection of Sepulveda and Hawthorne Blvd.

Within 60 days, it is planned, ground will be broken for permanent quarters on the southerly section of the same property. The structure will have 8,000 square feet of floor space and will be ready for occupancy in October. The building, with land and adjoining parking lot, will represent an investment in excess of \$300,000.

Referring to the need for a local independent bank in the area, Griswold pointed out that there hasn't been a local independent bank in Torrance since Torrance National was merged eight years ago with what is now United California Bank. "In this period," he said, "our population has more than doubled, and we feel that a local independent bank can perform a real service here by mobilizing local financial resources for the exclusive benefit of the South Bay area." He added that Guaranty Bank expects to draw customers from a region of half a million persons "by offering attractive, unusual banking services in a warm, friendly manner that would be characteristic of the South Bay Region of Southern California."



NEW BANK GOES UP — Future home of Guaranty Bank, new independent banking institution in Torrance, which has just been chartered. The permanent structure will be completed about Oct. 1. Heusel, Homolka and Associates are the architects.