



24-HOUR DAY—Doctors and nurses are on duty at Little Company of Mary Hospital 24 hours each day, seven days a week. Above, emergency room at the hospital is prepared and equipped to render immediate aid to patients with any type of injury.

Third Year of Operation For Little Company of Mary

Little Company of Mary Hospital, one of Torrance's infant hospitals, is entering its third year of operation. A rapidly growing institution, 290 doctors are now members of the medical staff. Of this number, 73 are in general practice and 217 are practicing in specialized fields.

During the past year, the institution's Pediatric Department operated at 84 per cent of its capacity. The high point was reached in February when the hospital reached 160 per cent of its capacity in this department.

In a program initiated last year, the hospital Pathology Division began conducting research in atherosclerosis under a grant from the National Institute of Health. This work is done in the research lab of the hospital.

In other noteworthy accomplishments of the past year, over 2300 people attend the monthly Polio Clinics. Members of the Senior Volunteers have contributed over 25,000 hours in the last two years. The Junior volunteers contributed 6,100 hours in 1961, an increase of 500 per cent over 1960.

The hospital reports that to date it employs 336 full and part-time help.

Miscellaneous statistics show that Little Company of Mary hospital admitted 8,764 in 1961. This represents an increase of 18 per cent over the previous year.

Births at the hospital increased 15 per cent over 1960 numbering 1,773.

Percentage of occupancy was 74 per cent, an increase of over 12 per cent.

Business Growth Of Torrance Is Guide to Future

Torrance continues to grow.

In the past 12 years, Torrance has had the honor of being the industrial and residential leader of the entire western section of Los Angeles County. 1962 will mark the year the All-American City will zoom to the top of the commercial field.

Continuing to be the anchor of Torrance's unparalleled growth (22,201 in 1950 to 110,000 in 1962) is industrial expansion.

Because of the aggressive industrial development program of the City of Torrance, new blue-chip firms are moving here at an amazing rate.

Experts ponder the question: Why does Torrance mushroom at this rate? The conclusion is almost unanimous—good business climate.

This is a result of many things—some planned, others just lucky.

Probably the most important is good, sound and progressive city government.

Torrance is known nationwide among industrial firms and developers, financial institutions and by government agencies as a clean, well-planned community.

Credit for this goes to a dedicated City Council, efficient city administration, an alert public and a crusading and interested press.

Most Space Projects Start in Torrance

By MAYOR ALBERT ISEN

Only a few days ago Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. accomplished the truly remarkable feat of being the first American to orbit the earth three times in a bell-shaped space craft rocketed aloft by an atlas missile. Although Astronaut Glenn and the Friendship 7 did not come within one hundred miles of our City, the workers and industries in Torrance are, in reality, much closer to this significant achievement than might first have been apparent.

Industries in Torrance provided many of the components, modules, and systems that were, at least in part, responsible for the success of this mission. Scientists, engineers, and technicians who reside in our neighborhoods and work in other communities provided additional contributions.

We are proud of the part the Torrance Citizens played in this historic event. We also recognize it as a stepping stone to the even greater achievements yet to come. The exploration of space is in the future. But time will pass and we who watched the developments of this historical achievement grow to reality will remember it much as many of us, as boys and girls and young men and women, have watched Torrance grow from a small and struggling community to a beautiful and progressive city.

OPEN FIELDS

It seems only a few days ago that the places where our stores, factories, and homes now stand were open fields. Many of us hunted jack rabbits there; others worked the forms. But time did pass and Torrance grew. First came a factory, then another, then homes and stores, oil and refineries until the wide fields narrowed and Torrance came of age.

An All-American City now, Torrance boasts a population of over one hundred and ten thousand and rates as the fifth largest city in Los Angeles County. In 1961 alone more than one thousand and six hundred new citizens moved to Torrance. New schools, homes, stores, and factories have been built and pace quickens to meet the demand. The business climate is good and the outlook of the citizens is healthy.

The new Civic Center and Superior Courts recently approved for construction is evidence of the forethought and confidence of the people in Torrance's space age future. This achievement has brought a new honor upon Torrance for the City is rapidly becoming known as the capital of the greater Southwest, a distinction to be envied by most.

EXPANSION

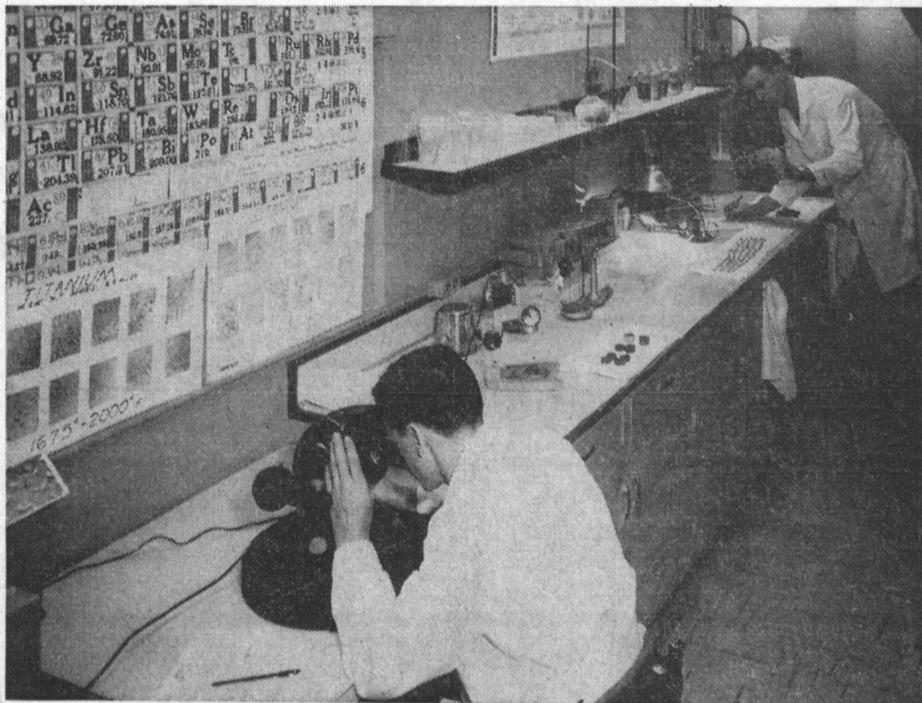
In the space age future, Torrance looks to the continuing expansion of her already wide and versatile scope of manufacturing, sales, and commercial enterprise and to the citizens who work in and support those industries. From oil and petroleum products to space age plastics, from electronic systems and components to aluminum, from rubber products to steel, from airframe and missile assembly to detail fabrication, from wholesale and retail commerce to real estate, and all the other commodities and services, Torrance has all of these.

Torrance has truly come of age. Our present is only a stepping stone of opportunities to the future. In not too distant times scientists will expand their knowledge of the universe and then consolidate their findings into usable facts for use in achieving the still greater things to come. And so will Torrance look to the future to find new modes and methods of accomplishing her aims. There can be no compromise. The people of Torrance can look with humble pride at the contributions they have made to the success of their city and the nation's space achievements; for Torrance is truly a space age city of the future.

Included is the master planning by the Planning Department and its directors. This plan-making projects all facets of community development—residential as well as industrial and commercial.

In selecting a site in this area, industry not only looks for sound city government but also a forward-looking school system, plentiful churches, proper recreation facilities, transportation facilities, and evidence of community participation of its citizenry.

All this is important to today's industry for they know a happy employee is a good one. And Torrance will continue to grow.



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Expanding Recreation Program Offered by City

Participation in programs offered by the Torrance Recreation Department continued to increase during 1961.

In excess of three-quarters of a million persons attended programs carried on at six parks, 21 schools, Victor E. Benstead Plunge, adult center, golf course, municipal auditorium, and the arts and crafts center.

Many additional thousands flocked to the local parks for a weekend of picnicking and family fun sessions.

Benstead Plunge celebrated its sixth anniversary with more than 90,000 paid admissions, while close to 3000 children and adults were enrolled in swimming, life-saving, and diving classes at the pool. Free Saturday swims were

given to almost 3000 children from the playgrounds. The total attendance for the summer was close to 95,000, or approximately 1000 a day.

More than 370 boys and girls learned out door skills in the day-camp programs conducted during the summer months.

A list of outstanding programs offered by the departments included arts and crafts classes, musical concerts, puppet making, drama, softball, football, baseball, modern dance classes, volleyball, golf lessons, ski school, bowling classes and club activities and field trips.

Increased use of school playgrounds and gymnasium facilities made possible the increase in attendance.



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