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# TORRANCE AIRPORT HOME SITE SOUGHT FOR NEW AIR MUSEUM

## Predict Torrance Population Will Continue to Rise

A prediction by Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, anticipates Torrance will double its population before the city's growth comes to a halt. His prognostication is based on several Regional Planning Commission findings.

"Torrance," points out the commission, "is the commercial, the industrial and residential center of the Harbor area."

The report contends Torrance will have the largest population, the broadest base and will be the regional center to which all related activities will be centered. Torrance in 1960 only had 4,855 people per square mile. That same year Hermosa had 11,849 people per square mile, 10,870 people per square mile; Manhattan Beach had 8,930 people per square mile.

With weather, jobs, business, industry, freeways, railroads, the harbor nearby, and an airport, Torrance can easily go to 10,000 people per square mile. Think how close Torrance is to anything you need! This would result in over 200,000 people and perhaps 50,000 of them could be school children.

San Francisco has a population density of 15,556 people per square mile. Torrance is right in the middle of one of the fastest growing, most desirable residential and industrial areas in Southern California.

"Folks will be real sorry someday," said the Superintendent, "if we don't think big today about all kinds of public policy, including schools, parks, and other kinds of planning, including zoning. If we allow remaining vacant land to be misused today, it will cost us handsomely tomorrow."



**TILTING UP CEREMONY**—Helping with construction on the \$2,000,000 Carson Shopping Center at Carson St. and Normandie Ave. are (kneeling) Arthur N. Reicher, executive of Boys' and Cory's Market chains and co-developer of Carson Shopping Center; Bobet King, Miss Torrance; (back, l. to r.) Herman Maier, secretary-treasurer of the Hahn Co.; Nick Drale, Torrance vice-mayor; and George Post, manager of the UC Bank. The center will feature a large Boys' Market, W. T. Grant's, Thrifty Drug Store and other stores to serve the southern Torrance area.

## Parks Stay Open July 4

All Torrance parks will be open and staffed Wednesday. School playgrounds will be closed. Although most park areas will have no organized activities, play equipment will

## County Expects Big Turnout For Holiday

One of the largest fourth of July crowds is anticipated on Southland beaches Wednesday, according to Supervisor Burton Chace. His prediction includes the strip of strand known as Torrance Beach in the Hollywood Riviera.

In an effort to protect the public safety record, lifeguard personnel will be at full strength, Chace said.

He claims that traditionally the county beaches have been among the safest in the nation despite the millions of persons who throng the seashore during the summer season.

Chace reported the Department of Parks and Recreation operates the lifeguard service. These guards have pioneered the principles of water safety to provide the finest beach protection available; Chace said.

## Richardson Given CTA Endorsement

Dr. Ralph Richardson will receive the California Teachers Assn. support in his race for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Richardson, Los Angeles Board of Education president, and a UCLA faculty member, won the endorsement for the job by scoring an overwhelming victory by nearly 10-1 in a CTA plebiscite.

These results, which assure Richardson of the CTA's active support during the November campaign, were announced by Mrs. Sarah Carter, Eureka High School English teacher and president of the 125,000-member state teachers organization.

## Committee Plans For Airport Day

Preparations for the annual Torrance Airport Day celebration got underway this week when it was announced that the basic committee organization has been formed to make plans for the event.

General Chairman Glenn H. Child, Hi-Shear Corp., said the committee has tentatively set Sunday, Sept. 23, as the date for this year's show.

Selected to head major committees, Child stated, are E. G. "Slim" Kidwell, "Slim" Kidwell Aviation Co., who will be chairman of the exhibits committee; Jack R. Egan, Torrance Municipal Airport manager, who will head the facilities committee; W. B. (Ham) Hamilton, Ryan Aeronautical Co., chairman of the public affairs committee; and Robert K. Richardson, Airesearch Manufacturing Co., chairman of the ways and means committee.

Also serving on the committee are: Joseph M. Doss, Mayfair Creamery, who is vice chairman; Jack A. Meyer, Transland Aircraft, who will act as assistant to the general chairman; and Edwin W. Sullivan, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, who has been named Coordinator.

Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance and Mike Denn, president, Torrance Chamber of Commerce were named honorary co-chairmen of the celebration.

## CYO Adult Club Elect President

Tony Matano of Santa Anita Club, Holy Angels parish, Areadia, has been elected president of the CYO Federation of Single Adult Clubs. Cecilia Isham is new first vice president, and Nancy La Voise second vice president.

## Outmoded Airplane Promoters Plan to Appear Before Council

Planes dating back to the beginning of aviation and others used during World War II will be housed in an Air Museum at Torrance Municipal Airport—provided that the City Council will give its permission.

The museum membership, which includes former Air Force personnel, will appear before the Torrance City Council July 17, according to Bud Mahurin, chairman of the museum's Board of Advisers.

"We have approached the mayor and other city officials, and they seem highly enthusiastic about the idea. They, however, explained no formal action could be taken until there is a full meeting of the council," Mahurin said. "In keeping with the request of city officials we agreed to meet with the council at a dinner meeting July 17."

The Air Museum, which presently is located on private property in Claremont, houses about 75 planes. About 12 of the aircraft are in good flying condition.

"One of the reasons we desire to move is that there is no flying field in Claremont, and we have to station some of our planes at the Chino Airport," Mahurin pointed out. "If we could relocate in Torrance, we could use the local airport for flying and storing our planes."

Mahurin explained the museum operates as a non-profit venture. Most of the project's supporters are former Air Force personnel.

is a former Air Force colonel. He was a prisoner of war during the Korean episode.

"If we can convince the Torrance City Council to permit us to use an area at the airport, we will establish an 'Aviationland,' which will be as impressive as Disneyland or Marineland," Mahurin said.

He pointed out there will be one important difference: "We have no desire to make a profit. Our only goal is to preserve and exhibit planes which have become obsolete."

In the collection are a number of specimens from

World War II—including machines used by the Germans, Japanese, and other foreign countries."

In addition to exhibiting, storing and flying planes of another era, members of The Air Museum plan to take part in Air Force days in near-by communities.

"We'll fly the planes which we have restored directly to the scene of the celebration," Mahurin said. "This will avoid the cost of crating and handling."

Mahurin is employed by North American Aviation in the organization's Downey office.

## MTA Fare for Senior Citizens Increased From 15 to 20 Cents

MTA Board members this week voted to continue a reduced-fare program for senior citizens for an additional year.

To offset an annual \$130,000 loss resulting from the lower fare, the board authorized an increase in the basic senior citizen reduced fare from 15 to 20 cents, beginning July 1.

At the same time the period during which the elderly may ride buses and streetcars was increased by one hour daily and six hours on Saturdays.

Under the adjusted senior citizen reduced fare of 20 cents—a 20 per cent reduction from the regular MTA fare of 25 cents—qualified senior citizens will be permitted to ride Monday

through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., as opposed to the present 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Schedule. Reduced-fare riding also will be continued from 7 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday.

Daytime reduced-fare riding will be permitted for the first time on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning July 1. This is in addition to the present 7 p.m. to midnight schedule on Saturdays. The program also will continue in effect from 5 a.m. to midnight on Sundays.

While the entire program is being continued for one year, the board ordered a review in 60 days of Saturday patronage between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.



**DIVING IN**—Organized swimming classes have been scheduled for the slack attendance periods at Benstead Plunge. This policy has been in force since the first full season when the pool began to operate. More than

one-third of the total attendance, or more than 150,000 paid admissions, have been recorded for the class periods in the mornings, at lunch time and during the supper hour.



**CHECKING UP**—Lifeguards keep a close check of adults and youngsters who swim at Victor Benstead Pool. Recreation leaders estimate about 1300 persons visit the facility daily. The weekly approximation is in the neighborhood of 6500.



**IN THE SWIM**—Benstead Plunge admission charges are 20 cents for youngsters 12 years and under, and everyone 13 years or older pays 25 cents. The fee for lockers to check clothes and valuables is 10 cents. Those desiring to take a swim may

avail themselves of the plunge from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and 7 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Sundays. There's a family night Thursdays and adults only from 7 to 8 p.m. Fridays.