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COUNCIL REJECTS CEMETERY

Torrance Wage-Earners Take Home \$345 Million

The take-home pay of Torrance wage-earners totaled more than \$345 million last year—ranking the city 13th in income of all California cities. This figure is a new record high and \$25 million more than the year before it moved the city up from 15th place in income.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce analysis of copyright figures contained in the Sales Management Magazine Survey of Buying Power of 1965, reveals that the Net Effective Buying Income—the amount left after all deductions have been taken from pay envelopes—was \$345,439,000.

The survey also indicates that the population of Torrance at the end of 1965 was 132,600 with 36,400 households. Divided by these population figures, the income averaged \$2,605 per capita and \$9,490 per household. The latter figure compares with a household income figure of \$9,097 in 1964.

Of particular interest is the fact that in the nation Torrance ranked 113th in population and 118th in Net Effective Buying Income, but attained 98th position in retail sales.

A survey device known as the Sales Activity Index, which relates the retail sales percentage to the city population percentage, using 100 as the base figure, shows that Torrance draws heavily from surrounding communities. The Torrance figure last year was 150.

A similar index, but relating to

to purchasing power of the community as compared to the nation as a whole, is called the Quality Index. A city having an index markedly higher than that of the nation (again represented by the base figure 100) or higher than the cities in the same geographical area, is considered the place where sales efforts are likely to produce the best results. The quality figure for Torrance was 120 last year.

"The continued commercial and industrial growth in this community justifies our faith in the future of Torrance as the leading trading city of southwest Los Angeles County," said President Don H. Hyde of the Chamber of Commerce.

Last year's record sales bears out our belief in this city's success. And we can be further encouraged by the big leap to a Net Effective Buying Income of over \$345 million and retail sales of over \$287 million—an increase of \$27 million over 1964," he added.

Sales of general merchandise in 1965 came to almost \$112 million as compared with \$98 million in the previous year. Apparel sales were up to \$9.9 million from the 1964 amount of \$9.5 million. Furniture and household appliances climbed to \$9 million from \$8.5 million a year earlier. Food sales were up to \$69 million from last year's \$63.8 million. Automotive sales hit \$29.5 million.

New High School in City Seen

Plans to establish a separate continuation high school in Torrance, shelved last summer after the state granted local school districts a one-year delay in meeting requirements for such a school, were reactivated Monday by the Board of Education.

The school, designed primarily for students who may be potential drop-outs or those who must work and are unable to attend regular classes, will serve about 150 students.

Most of those students currently enrolled in special evening classes which are conducted at Torrance High School, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

MONDAY's action may increase state aid to the continuation education program by as much as \$35,000 annually, Dr. Hull said. The board is asking the state to designate the current program as a "necessary small high school" and thus qualify it for the additional state funds.

Trustees voted last summer to establish a separate continuation high school, but revoked the action when the state ruled local districts would not have to establish the small high school until the 1967-68 school year.

Dr. Hull told trustees he was "very unhappy" with the present continuation school and said many of the problems which students and instructors face could be "handled better during the day."

"I think we ought to go ahead," Dr. Hull said, "and do a good job." He told the board he intends to recommend that the district proceed with the construction of a separate school "as soon as possible."

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Rimac said some preliminary work had been started in the street after city officials were warned of the situation through a picture which appeared in the Press-Herald.

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KENNEDY REMEMBERED . . . Sol Burns (left) and Nicholas O. Drake present wreaths at the downtown Torrance memorial to President John F. Kennedy on the third anniversary of his slaying yesterday. The memorial at Sartori and Carrillo in a small city park which has been named Kennedy Square was donated by Mrs. Celia Pons, widow of a former Torrance manufacturer. (Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

Long Debate Ended

Thirteen months of often bitter debate was ended last night when the City Council, by a 4-3 vote, denied a conditional use permit for a proposed cemetery in the south-central part of the city.

The action came on motion of Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., who had voted in favor of the cemetery during earlier hearings. "The conditions have not been met," Sciarrotta declared. "I have no choice but to move that the conditional use permit be denied."

Councilmen Ken Miller and H. Ted Olson and Mayor Albert Isen, who have opposed the cemetery throughout the long debate, joined Sciarrotta to deny the permit.

SPECIFIC conditions which Sciarrotta said developers of the cemetery had not met included proof of their financial responsibility to develop and maintain the cemetery, their refusal to dedicate required rights-of-way for the possible extensions of Maple Avenue and 235th Street, and failure to solve the question of interment fees.

Noting the proposed development has split both the Planning Commission and the City Council "down the middle," Sciarrotta said the case was "the toughest I've had in the last four and one-half years."

Sciarrotta said the future need for adequate north-south streets in the area of the proposed cemetery made dedication of the necessary rights-of-way mandatory. "We cannot condemn any land in the cemetery (for street purposes)," he said.

FOLLOWING the vote, councilmen ordered the Planning Commission to undertake a new study of the area, which is bounded by 235th Street on the north and Crenshaw Boulevard on the east, to determine if the area now zoned M-2 should be rezoned for light industry.

Chief reason for the new study is to determine if the land can be developed as an industrial complex which will not require rail service—thus clearing the way for removal of a spur track which now crosses the area. (See CEMETERY on A-2)

Council Names Committee To Study Sartori Cleanup

A three-man committee of the City Council was named last night to work with residents of Sartori Avenue in an effort to clean up right-of-way along the street.

Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Ken Miller and H. Ted Olson will serve on the committee, which was formed after residents of the area presented a petition to the council asking for help in cleaning up the street.

More than 80 persons who live on Sartori Avenue between Dominguez Street and Torrance Boulevard signed the petition.

Donald Rimac, 712 Sartori Ave., told councilmen that persons who live along the street are concerned about the effect on property values and living standards which the present appearance of the street has. Rimac said there had been no regular maintenance

of the street for many years.

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To Open Soon Plans for Skills Center Outlined

Plans for a regional occupational skills center to serve six or seven school districts in the Southwest area were discussed this week before the Educational Council of Torrance.

Wilbur Lorbeer, planning director of the center, and Haig Marshlian, assistant planning director, discussed plans for the center before 150 members of the council. The two men are working under a \$92,000 federal grant to draw up plans for the unique school.

The center is to be built on a 10-acre parcel of land at 2300 Crenshaw Blvd. The land was acquired from the federal government for the construction of the center.

BECAUSE potential enrollment in the six or seven districts is greater than in any one district or high school, the regional center can offer a wider scope of courses for the non-college bound student, Lorbeer said. In addition, he explained, federal aid is available for the financing of a centralized facility.

"The center would be an extension of the high school program for high school juniors and seniors and adults to train them with those job skills which are most in demand," Marshlian said.

Districts expected to participate in the center include Torrance, South Bay Union High School District, Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, Inglewood Unified School District, El Segundo Unified School District, Centinela Valley Unified School District, and Culver City Unified School District. The seven district operate 17

high schools and could account for an enrollment of 6,000 students within the next five years.

TO DATE, Lorbeer said, five of the seven districts have approved a joint powers agreement which sets forth conditions of establishing the inter-district center. The agreement has been approved by all the districts except (See SKILLS on A-2)

Union Thanksgiving Services

Three Union Thanksgiving Day Services will be held in Torrance churches tomorrow under the sponsorship of the Ministerial Association of Torrance. Each of the three services will begin at 10 a.m.

Central Torrance services will be held at the First Methodist Church, 1351 E. Prado (near Carson Street). The Rev. Arthur Nagel is pastor.

South Torrance services will be held at the Walteria Community Methodist Church at 3646 Newton St. (near Hawthorne Boulevard). The Rev. Frank Knouse is pastor of the host church.

North Torrance services will be held at the South Bay Church of God at 17661 Yukon Ave. (south of Artesia Boulevard). The Rev. Clifford L. Tierney is pastor.

Each of the three services is open to all, the sponsoring ministers emphasized.

MIKE GAUTHIER WINS TOP CARRIER HONORS



Twelve-year-old Mike Gauthier today was named Press-Herald "Carrier of the Month" for October after just a month on the job, according to Darrell Westcott, Press-Herald circulation manager.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gauthier of 5405 Sharayne Lane. He is in the seventh grade at Seaside Elementary School.

"Mike has the drive, the ambition, and the personality to make a top profit out of his Junior Dealer enterprise," Westcott said. "His growing list of subscribers proves he has what it takes for success."

Young Gauthier is a model train buff and spends much of his spare time putting together cars for his model trains. He also enjoys tropical fish and currently is making Christmas wreaths which he plans to sell.



BOOK DRIVE . . . Robert Church, an eighth grade student at Carr Elementary School, places a poster on the school bulletin board calling attention to his one-man book drive. Young Church embarked on the book drive as a service project in connection with his requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout. Books collected were given to the school library.

MIKE GAUTHIER